

Finance Committee under Legislative Council

**Supplementary Information Relating to
Establishment of Former Chief Executives' Office**

Background

On 16 November 2005, the Chairman of the Finance Committee (FC) put forth a suggestion through the Financial Services and Treasury Bureau that the Constitutional Affairs Bureau (CAB) should provide supplementary information on the activities undertaken by Mr Tung Chee Hwa in his capacity as the former Chief Executive (CE) since he left office in March. This note seeks to provide Members with the relevant information, with a view to assisting the FC in considering the paper submitted by CAB relating to the position of the CE at the meeting on 18 November (Paper number FCR (2005-06) 32) .

Meeting dignitaries and attending functions

2. During the last few months, Mr Tung has met the serving and former national leaders of Britain, the United States (US), Canada and Singapore to bring them up-to-date about the latest developments in the Mainland and Hong Kong. Foreign dignitaries whom Mr Tung met include former British Prime Minister John Major, former US President Bill Clinton, former US Secretary of State Colin Powell, Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin and Singaporean Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew.

3. Mr Tung has also met the leaders of the Central Authorities and Mainland provinces/cities. For example, when the Vice-President Zeng Qinghong visited Hong Kong in September, Mr Tung and Mr Zeng held a breakfast meeting. Furthermore, Mr Tung met the Hunan Provincial Governor Zhou Bohua, Guangxi Zhuang Regional Committee Party Secretary Cao Bochun and Guangdong Provincial Governor Huang Huahua in June, August and September respectively.

4. Information relating to meetings between Mr Tung and the Mainland and foreign dignitaries is at Annex A.

5. At the same time, Mr Tung has been invited to attend a wide variety of functions, including charity events. For example, in June Mr Tung participated in the Lifeline Express Annual Fund-raising Dinner as an officiating guest. In September, Mr Tung took part in the Business Traveller Asia-Pacific Annual Charity Luncheon, and received on behalf of Save the Children Hong Kong the proceeds raised in the event.

6. Mr Tung has also participated in activities organised by local business, professional and political sectors. For example, in September Mr Tung took part in the reception of The Chinese Chamber of Commerce as well as the dinner organised by the Hong Kong News Executives' Association.

7. On promoting economic and trade ties between Hong Kong and Mainland, in September Mr Tung took part in the Ningbo/Hong Kong Economic Cooperation Forum and addressed the participants.

8. The US Californian Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is currently leading a business delegation to visit Hong Kong. To strengthen communication and cooperation between the businessmen of California and Hong Kong, Mr Tung has lined up a group of local business leaders to hold a roundtable discussion meeting with the members of the Californian delegation on 18 November.

9. Information on the functions attended by Mr Tung is at Annex B.

**Meetings between former Chief Executive and
Mainland and foreign dignitaries in past few months**

Meeting time	Name of foreign dignitaries
March 2005	Former British Prime Minister John Major
March 2005	Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin
March 2005	Singaporean Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew
June 2005	Former Secretary of State Colin Powell
June 2005	Former United States Vice-President Dan Quayle
September 2005	Former United States President Bill Clinton

Meeting time	Name of Mainland leaders
June 2005	Hunan Provincial Governor Zhou Bohua
June 2005	State Council Vice-Premier Wu Yi
August 2005	Guangxi Zhuang Regional Committee Party Secretary Cao Bochun
September 2005	PRC Vice-President Zeng Qinghong
September 2005	Guangdong Provincial Governor Huang Huahua

Functions attended by former Chief Executive in past few months

Event time	Event
June 2005	Dinner celebrating 60 th anniversary of victory over Japan by all sectors of Hong Kong
June 2005	Lifeline Express Annual Fund-raising Dinner
June 2005	38 th Annual International Meeting of Pacific Basin Economic Council
July 2005	Dinner celebrating 13 th anniversary of establishment of the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong
August 2005	Reception in the Central military camp organised by Garrison stationed in Hong Kong
September 2005	Business Traveller Asia-Pacific Annual Charity Luncheon
September 2005	Reception organised by The Chinese Chamber of Commerce
September 2005	Opening ceremony of Ningbo/Hong Kong Economic Cooperation Forum
September 2005	Harvard Business School-Hong Kong Alumni Luncheon
September 2005	Hong Kong News Executives' Association Dinner
October 2005	Flag raising ceremony celebrating establishment of the People's Republic of China
November 2005	Roundtable discussion meeting between the business sectors of Hong Kong and California