



11 June 2007

The Honourable Miriam LAU Kin-ye
Chairman
Legislative Council House Committee
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong

Dear Chairman,

Meetings with State Leaders visiting Hong Kong

Thank you for your letter of 1 June 2007 to the Chief Executive. He has asked me to reply on his behalf.

We have noted Members' request to meet with State Leaders who will be visiting Hong Kong for the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), and will pass it to the Central People's Government for consideration. As the Chief Secretary for the Administration advised the Deputy Chairman of the House Committee on 4 June, the itineraries of the State Leaders are being finalized but are likely to be packed. As such, there might be little room for arranging an exclusive meeting with LegCo Members although Members would have other opportunities to meet the Leaders.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jessie'.

(Mrs Jessie Ting)

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The Honourable Donald Tsang, GBM
The Chief Executive of the
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of the People's Republic of China
Chief Executive's Office
Hong Kong

Meeting with State Leaders visiting Hong Kong

Members of the Legislative Council have asked me to convey to you their request for meeting with State Leaders visiting Hong Kong during the 10th anniversary of the handover of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

At the House Committee meeting on 1 June 2007, Members have expressed their wish to invite State Leaders who will be visiting Hong Kong during the 10th anniversary of the handover of the HKSAR to a meeting and banquet. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues of mutual concern, including the re-issuance of Home Visit Permits to the Pan-Democratic Members who have not been allowed to return to the Mainland for many years. Members attach great importance to communicate and exchange views with State Leaders to minimize social polarization, increase mutual trust and implement fully the policy of "One Country, Two Systems" for Hong Kong people to rule Hong Kong with a high degree of autonomy. The date, time and place of the meeting and banquet can be arranged at the State Leaders' convenience.

I look forward to your early reply.

(Fred LI Wah-ming)
Deputy Chairman
Legislative Council House Committee