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The Honourable Miriam LAU Kin-yee
Chairman
Legislative Council House Committee
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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Dear Ms Lau,

**Meetings with Leaders of Central Government
visiting Hong Kong**

Thank you for your letter of 24 November to the Chief Executive. He has asked me to reply on his behalf.

The Central People's Government has noted Members' wish to meet with visiting State Leaders in Hong Kong. The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region works closely with the Central People's Government in making preparation for visits of this standing. In drawing up the visit programmes, while we would make proposals for a State Leader to meet with a wide spectrum of people from the community, we also need to take into account various pertinent factors or constraints such as the purpose and duration of the State Leader's visit.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Mr WU Bangguo, has been invited by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to visit Hong Kong and

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participate in a number of major activities of the ITU TELECOM WORLD 2006. Mr Wu's visit programme will therefore be taken up, in the main, by various ITU-related events that the Chairman will attend, with some small gaps to be filled up by a few community programmes. Given the short duration of Mr Wu's upcoming visit to Hong Kong, he will not be able to hold a separate session exclusively with Members on this occasion.

Yours sincerely,



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