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Subject

Re: Convened Meeting of 21 June 2007 - sitting of the 'Legislative Council Panel on Manpower' (LCPM)

To whom it may concern,

I note with interest the planned discussion of the LCPM for the slated item concerning the possible implementation of a 'minimum wage for cleaning workers and security guards' (hereafter the MW). I apologise for the delay in relaying my comments. Nonetheless, I would wish to offer robust support for the implementation of the MW. I think it would help to address a major shortcoming in the local labour market and would also bring Hong Kong into line with a number of other developed countries/jurisdictions where minimum wage structures apply across various labour market sectors. In sum, I believe that cleaners and security personnel make up a significant element of the local workforce and any steps to protect them through the implementation of the MW would contribute to the social harmony of Hong Kong.

Thank you in advance for considering my views.

Yours sincerely,

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