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Ms Amy Yu
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via Ms Adeline Wan, SASG/GLP

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Dear Ms Yu,

**Bills Committee on Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Bill 2009
Meeting on 22 October 2009**

We refer to our letter of 2 December 2009.

With regard to the expected timetable for the commencement and implementation of the Ordinance, the Judiciary has advised that “On the assumption that the legislation will be brought into force in about six months after enactment, we expect that the Assessment Board would become operational within one month after the legislation is brought into force.” In this connection, barring unexpected circumstances, we would expect the Board to be in a position to invite applications about 12 months after the Bill’s enactment.

Yours sincerely,

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