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Dear Mr Lam,

Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2009

I refer to your letter of 22 July 2009.

A 'valid travel document' as defined in clause 3(b) of the Bill covers a document issued by or on behalf of a competent authority of any country or territory to its holder for the purpose of identification or travel, and which complies with section 61 of the Immigration Ordinance (among other criteria). Hence the holder of a valid travel document so defined will be subject to the relevant visa requirement for Hong Kong pursuant to section 61. As regards whether the proposed new provision will apply to places other than Macao, we will consider extending immigration convenience measures between Hong Kong and other places from time to time, and will inform the public of such measures when ready.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Edward Yu', written over a printed name and title.

(Edward Yu)
for Secretary for Security

c.c. Director of Immigration (Attn: Mr David Chiu)
Department of Justice (Attn: Mr Allen Lai)