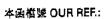
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Dear Miss Ma,

Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Mainland-HKSAR Families

Thank you for your letter of 23 January 2009. Our reply to the Member's enquiry is as follow.

The setting up and operation of the One Way Permit (OWP) scheme falls under the purview of the Central Government. The process and assessment of applications for and the issue of OWPs are governed by the public security authorities of the Mainland, not the HKSAR Government. The relevant Mainland authorities have published on their websites the information on the "Points System" for assessing and determining the eligibility of applicants and the order in which they may settle in Hong Kong. Below is a list of the website addresses concerned.

Mainland Authorities	Information Provided	Websites
The Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China	Guidance to application for OWP of Mainland residents (Chinese only)	http://www.mps.gov.cn/ n16/n1555903/n155596 3/n1556023/n1556143/n 1640794/1695078.html

Mainland Authorities	Information Provided	Websites
The Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China	Eligibility criteria of 2009 for entry of Mainland residents into Hong Kong and Macao for settlement announced by the Bureau of Exit and Entry of the Ministry of Public Security (Chinese only)	http://www.mps.gov.cn/ n16/n1252/n1702/n2347 /1768148.html
Division of Exit and Entry Administration Department of Public Security of Guangdong Province	Eligibility for application for OWP to Hong Kong and Macao (Chinese only)	http://www.gdcrj.com/w lgat/gadc/index.htm
	The "Points System" for entry into Hong Kong and Macao for settlement (Chinese only)	http://www.gdcrj.com/w lgat/gadc/dwbj/index.ht m

Yours faithfully,

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