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Dear Miss MA,

Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Mainland-HKSAR Families

Thank you for your letter dated 3 March 2010.

2. It is an established practice in Hong Kong to conduct a population census every ten years and a by-census in the middle of the intercensal period. Same as the 2001 Population Census and the 2006 Population By-census, the 2011 Population Census (11C) to be conducted by this Department will cover the Hong Kong Resident Population (HKRP) under the "resident population" approach¹. Mainland people visiting Hong Kong on Two-way Permit (TWP) (including Mainland

¹ The Hong Kong Resident Population covers "Usual Residents" and "Mobile Residents".

- "Usual Residents" refer to two categories of people: (1) Hong Kong Permanent Residents who had stayed in Hong Kong for at least three months during the six months before or for at least three months during the six months after the reference time point; and (2) Hong Kong Non-permanent Residents who were in Hong Kong at the reference time point.
- As for "Mobile Residents", they are Hong Kong Permanent Residents who had stayed in Hong Kong for at least one month but less than three months during the six months before or for at least one month but less than three months during the six months after the reference time point, regardless of whether they were in Hong Kong or not at the reference time point.

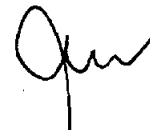
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spouses of Hong Kong residents or Mainland single mothers of Hong Kong children) are visitors by nature and they are therefore not covered in HKRP.

3. In view of the growing needs of statistics relating to cross-boundary families, it is planned that the 11C will be enhanced so that trial estimates on the number of TWP holders who are living with some other family members in Hong Kong during the census period as well as some basic demographic information (e.g. relationship to household head and sex) of these TWP holders can be obtained from the 11C data.
4. Although some data on TWP holders living in Hong Kong can be made available from 11C, we consider that the figures so compiled may be subject to some limitations. For example, some of these Mainland spouses and Mainland single mothers may not come to Hong Kong very frequently and thus may not be regarded by their family members as living in Hong Kong. Some may also be omitted because their family members are not willing to disclose that they are usually staying in Hong Kong for various reasons. We will study the data collected in 11C carefully in that regard.
5. Should you have any questions on the above, please contact the undersigned or Mr John LAM at 2716 8001.

Yours sincerely,



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