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Relating to Mainland-HKSAR Families
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Dear Mr Lee,

Thank you for your letter of 2 July 2010.

As we explained to the Subcommittee earlier, the policy and implementation of the One Way Permit (OWP) Scheme, including the new policy pertinent to the "Mainland overage children" of Hong Kong residents, fall within the remit of the Mainland authorities. While the Mainland authorities have announced that the policy measure regarding "Mainland overage children" of Macao residents applying for OWP would generally apply to Hong Kong, you would appreciate the need to examine carefully the implications and implementation details, particularly in the light of the large number of "Mainland overage children" involved. In this regard, active discussions with the Mainland authorities are underway.

We are mindful of the concerns of the Subcommittee, as well as related stakeholders including the "Mainland overage children" and their Hong Kong parents. Even though we are not in a position to pre-empt

the Mainland authorities or commit them to any timetable, please rest assured that the HKSAR Government will continue to spare no effort in the on-going discussions with a view to finalising the arrangements and promulgating such arrangements as soon as possible. We will also promptly inform the Subcommittee once there are any concrete developments.

Yours sincerely,



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