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Dear Mr LEE,

Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Mainland-HKSAR Families

One Way Permit Application of "Overage Children"

I am writing to request the Hong Kong Special Administration Region ("HKSAR") Government to expedite the discussion with the relevant Mainland authorities and make public announcement of the implementation arrangements of the new policy initiative to cater for Mainland adult children of Hong Kong residents to settle in HKSAR.

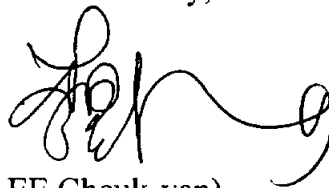
At its meeting on 29 June 2010, the Subcommittee was updated on the progress of discussion with the Mainland authorities on the arrangements pertinent to Mainland "overage children" of Hong Kong residents applying for One Way Permit settlement in Hong Kong. Members expressed deep regret and dissatisfaction to learn that the Administration was still in discussion with the Mainland authorities on the implementation arrangements, although the Administration had since November 2009 advised the Subcommittee that the Central Government had already made clear that the arrangements to cater for Mainland "overage children" of Macao residents to settle in Macao Special Administrative Region would also be applicable to Hong Kong. Notwithstanding that the new arrangements in Macao came into operation in December 2009, the Subcommittee was disappointed to note that the HKSAR Government remained not in the position to make available any further concrete developments.

Members take a strong view that it is the HKSAR Government's responsibility to honour and implement the Central Government's policy, and thereby the implementation of the new arrangements has been unduly delayed. The Administration should actively follow up the matter with the Mainland authorities and give an account of the reasons for being unable to implement the new arrangements in Hong Kong. Members also strongly urge the Administration to provide a concrete implementation timetable by the end of July 2010.

The Subcommittee has instructed me to convey the requests to you. Members hope you would give personal attention to the matters and the Administration would provide the Subcommittee with the requisite information by the end of July 2010.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'LEE Cheuk-yan', written in a cursive style.

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