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Ms Miranda Hon
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Dear Ms Hon,

**The Director of Audit's Report on
the results of value for money audits (Report No. 51)**

Administration of the DesignSmart Initiative (Chapter 2)

Thank you for your letter dated 22 December 2008 addressed to the Secretary for Home Affairs.

The Home Affairs Bureau has held preliminary discussion with the Innovation and Technology Commission (Commission). The Commission is agreeable to the Home Affairs Bureau sending a representative to sit on the Board of the Hong Kong Design Centre in the capacity of an observer. The Commission will consult the Board of the Hong Kong Design Centre further before institutionalizing this arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KS So'.

(K S So)

for Secretary for Home Affairs

c.c. Mr Geoffrey Woodhead, ITC