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Dear Miss Tai,

**The participation of NPC deputies and CPPCC members in advisory
and statutory bodies and awarding honours to NPC deputies and
CPPCC members**

To follow up the enquiry raised by Members at the meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs on 20 April 2009 regarding the participation of Hong Kong deputies to the National People's Congress (NPC deputies) and Hong Kong members of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC members) in advisory and statutory bodies and awarding honours to NPC deputies and CPPCC members, we have consulted the Office of the Chief Executive and are authorised to reply as follows.

In appointing members to advisory and statutory bodies, the primary consideration of the HKSAR Government is to adhere to the principle of meritocracy and to appoint personalities with the relevant expertise and experience to the concerned bodies. At present, there are over 400 advisory and statutory bodies covering various policy areas. The general arrangement is for the Government to announce the establishment of boards and committees and changes in membership. The membership lists of

all boards and committees are made public. Given that whether or not candidates of the advisory and statutory bodies are NPC deputies or CPPCC members is not a factor for consideration, we do not keep any statistics on the participation of NPC deputies and CPPCC members in advisory and statutory bodies.


It should be noted that the terms of office of each advisory and statutory body vary and the term of different members serving on the same body may also be different. As the membership lists of different bodies are updated constantly, it would be difficult for us, as requested by Members, to provide detailed information on the appointment of NPC deputies and CPPCC members to advisory and statutory bodies in the past five years.

In order to meet with Members' request as far as possible, we have searched through the existing records. Making reference to the position as at 31 March 2009 regarding the appointment of members to advisory and statutory bodies, among the 36 NPC deputies, about 70% participated in the advisory and statutory bodies; whereas among the 202 CPPCC members, about 30% participated in such bodies.

Similarly, in awarding honours, nominations are made on the basis of nominees' contributions to the Hong Kong community, and the fact as to whether they are NPC deputies or CPPCC members is not relevant.

Since the establishment of the HKSAR, the HKSAR Government has been posting the list of honours on the Government website (<http://www.protocol.gov.hk/eng/honours/index.html>) every year. Members may visit the website for detailed information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joyce Ho', written over a horizontal line.

(Joyce Ho)

for Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs