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Dear Mr CHIU,

Meeting of the Panel on Education on 9 February 2009

I refer to your letter dated 13 February 2009 concerning the proceedings of the meeting of the Panel on Education on 9 February 2009 chaired by me.

The Panel discussed, among others, the subject of "Governance structure and grievances and complaints mechanisms of the University Grants Committee-funded institutions" at the meeting. The purposes of the meeting were to receive views from deputations, provide an opportunity for members to exchange views with them, and examine the subject in greater depth. A total of 24 organizations and one individual attended the meeting to present views. Each organization was given three minutes to make oral presentations, with the representatives from the eight University Grants Committee-funded institutions stating their views first. After the attending organizations and individual had made their oral presentations, the floor was open to members.

Ms Audrey EU invited the attending organizations to give views on the jurisdiction of the proposed inter-institutional complaint committee, how its members should be drawn and any mechanism that could be made reference to. Four representatives including one from the Hong Kong Baptist University of Faculty and Staff Union raised their hands indicating a wish to make a response. Therefore, I invited these representatives to respond to Ms EU's question. This explained why a representative from the Hong Kong Baptist University of Faculty and Staff Union was invited to address the Panel again after the first round of presentation.

Possibly owing to the fact that you sat at my left hand side in the corner behind me, I had not seen that you had raised your hand twice. I would appreciate that to catch my attention, you might speak gently or pass a note to me or the Clerk. I wish to set the record straight that I only noticed your raising of hand at around 7:38 pm when I was dealing with the need to extend the meeting with the appointed ending time at 7:30 pm, and as Chairman, I could only allow the meeting to continue for not more than 15 minutes beyond the appointed ending time in accordance with the House Rules. As time was running out and the Panel had to discuss the way forward, I therefore decided not to invite further response from attending deputations and individuals.

At the meeting, staff associations had expressed views or made allegations against the institutions and the institutions might not agree with such views and allegations. By the same token, the views expressed by the institutions might not be shared by the staff associations. Owing to time limitation, it was infeasible to invite each party to respond to every point raised at the meeting. Indeed, not only the Hong Kong Baptist University but also all the other seven institutions had not been invited to respond to the points made. Any parties who consider it necessary to make clarification or further views on the subject are welcome to send in written submissions which will be forwarded to members for consideration. Unless stated otherwise by the authors, the submissions will also be uploaded onto the website of the Legislative Council for public information. This being the case, the submission attached to your letter will be circulated to members of the Panel and uploaded onto the website.

I trust the foregoing has clarified the matter.

Yours sincerely,



(Cyn HO Sau-lan)
Chairman of the Panel