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Ms Annette LAM
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Legislative Council Building
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Dear Ms LAM,

**Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2010
Amendments to be moved by Hon. Mr. Kam Nai Wai, MH**

We refer to the captioned and the letter of 30th May 2011 submitted by Hon. Mr. Kam Nai Wai, MH (LC Paper No. CB(1)2350/10-11(01))

Promoting a fair and accountable tendering practice amongst the construction industry is always one of the HKIS's top priority missions. We have long taken an active role in promoting the best practice in selecting building professionals as well as regulating our members' conduct when providing professional services.

Whilst we share the view of Hon. Mr. Kam that Practice Notes may be issued to provide guidelines on good practice on tendering procedures, we do have strong reservations in making the violation a criminal offence. Unlike the statutory instruments, Practice Notes are advisory in nature, and their issuances are for reference by the building professionals. We do not consider that Practice Notes the correct venue to control or regulate the conducts of the building professionals under the MBIS.

On the other hand, the Registered Inspectors (RIs) shall be registered professionals observing their respective registration bodies' established rules and disciplinary actions, which are working effectively. In any event, the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance has been in place for years and ostensibly the law enforcement agents have spared no effort to combat corruption in the industry.

We stand ready, as always, to participate in the corruption prevention promotion to the public and we shall continue our efforts to uphold our members' integrity and professional standard.

Yours Sincerely,

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