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Clerk to the Finance Committee  
Legislative Council  
8 Jackson Road  
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(Attn: Ms Anita SIT)

Dear Ms SIT,

**Finance Committee Meeting on 18 June 2010  
Follow-up on Injection into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund**

We refer to the Finance Committee's requests for additional information during the consideration of item FCR(2010-11)28 on Injection into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund (CODF) at its meeting on 18 June 2010.

According to our record, the CODF has not funded any enticement in the form of money or free meals, etc. to the participants of the performances/projects supported by it.

As one of the CODF's established objectives is to support and fund programmes and events aimed to promote the development of Cantonese opera, the CODF has been subsidizing projects which promote the development of Cantonese opera in the community and among the disadvantaged and to build young audience. For instance, some performances organized for the disadvantaged, students, etc. were free of charge. Apart from these free performances, the majority of the sponsored performances have not distributed any free tickets or only distributed not more than 10% tickets free of charge. We are devising more detailed guidelines on the arrangements for free/complimentary tickets for sponsored programmes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alexander OR'.

(Alexander OR)  
for Secretary for Home Affairs

c.c. SFST (Attn: Ms Fontaine CHENG)