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Hon. TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
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the Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive
and for Forming the Legislative Council in 2012
Legislative Council

Dear Hon. Tam,

**Legislative Council
Subcommittee on Package of Proposals for the Methods
for Selecting the Chief Executive and for Forming
the Legislative Council in 2012**

Follow up to the meeting on 3 May 2010

At the Subcommittee meeting on 3 May 2010, Hon. Miriam Lau requested the HKSAR Government to clarify whether ex-officio District Council members would have the right to stand as candidates and to vote in the elections of the District Council sub-sector of the Chief Executive (“CE”) Election Committee and the District Council functional constituency (“FC”) of the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) in 2012. The reply of the HKSAR Government is as follows.

During the public consultation on the methods for selecting the CE and for forming the LegCo in 2012, we have taken note of the views that as ex-officio District Council members are returned through village elections and have a public mandate, they should enjoy the same rights as elected District Council members.

According to the existing requirements, the 27 ex-officio District Council members can either stand for election in the District Council or Heung Yee Kuk subsector and FC. However, they can only register as voters and vote in the Heung Yee Kuk subsector and FC. The HKSAR Government will continue to listen to views on whether the existing arrangement should be maintained in 2012. The specific arrangements can be discussed in detail during the local legislation stage and a final decision will then be made.

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