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Ms Mary So
Clerk to Panel
Panel on Health Services
Legislative Council
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Dear Ms So,

Meeting of the LegCo Panel on Health Services on 11 May 2010

**Discussion item: New Mental Health Service Programmes
in the Hospital Authority**

The Panel on Health Services discussed the new mental health service programmes in the Hospital Authority (HA) at its meeting on 11 May 2010. After discussion, the Panel passed the following motion and requested the Government to provide a response on the follow up on the motion:-

"That this Panel urges the Administration to set up an independent committee to investigate the causes of the tragedy occurred on 8 May in Kwai Shing East Estate involving a chopping attack by a man which left two dead and three seriously injured, so as to find out the root of the problem with a view to improving the treatment and rehabilitation services for mental illness and preventing the recurrence of similar incidents."

In the light of the incident and the concerns of Members and the community, HA has set up a committee to review its management and follow-up of mental patients, including the liaison with other service providers with reference to the incident in Kwai Shing East Estate. The committee will also make suggestions on improvements to community support services for mental patients. The committee will not however look into the cause of the incident to avoid overlapping with the investigation and legal proceedings connected with the case.

The membership of the committee consists of professionals and service providers from the medical and welfare sectors, including representatives from two non-governmental organizations. The terms of reference and membership list of the committee are at Annex. The committee will also invite views from patient groups on how to improve the services to mental patients.

The committee has commenced its work on 1 June 2010 and will complete the review in two months.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Gloria LO)
for Secretary for Food and Health

c.c. Hospital Authority (Attn.: Dr W L CHEUNG)

Annex

**Review Committee of the Hospital Authority
on the Management and Follow-up of Mental Patients with reference to the
Mental Patient Incident In Kwai Shing East Estate on 8 May 2010**

Terms of Reference:

To review the management and follow-up of mental patients by the Hospital Authority, including its liaison with other service providers, and to make suggestions on improvements to community support to such patients with reference to the mental patient incident in Kwai Shing East Estate on 8 May 2010.

Membership:

Chairman:

Prof. John Leong, Chairman of Hospital Governing Committee of Castle Peak Hospital; President, Open University of Hong Kong.

Members:

- Dr Yip Ka-chee, Consultant Psychiatrist and Chief of Service, Department of Psychiatry, Kowloon Hospital
- Dr Eva Dunn, Consultant Psychiatrist and Chief of Service, Department of Psychiatry, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital
- Dr Law Chun-bon, Consultant Geriatrician, Princess Margaret Hospital; and Cluster Clinical Coordinator (Quality and Safety), Kowloon West Cluster
- Mrs Helen Kwok, Chief Social Work Officer (Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services), Social Welfare Department
- Miss Sania Yau, Director, New Life Psychiatric Association
- Dr Fung Cheung Tim, Director Richmond Fellowship