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Miss Flora TAI Clerk to the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central Hong Kong

Dear Miss Tai,

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

Relocation of the Court of Final Appeal

Please refer to our letter of even series dated 23 September 2011 wherein we indicated that the plan for relocating the Court of Final Appeal ("CFA") to the site of the former Legislative Council Building was being worked out, and that the Judiciary Administration would keep the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services ("the Panel") posted in due course.

- 2. We are writing to inform the Panel of the latest developments.
- 3. The Judiciary has reached agreement with the Administration to take over the management of the former Legislative Council Building at No. 8 Jackson Road ("the Building") on 21 November 2011, upon the delivery of vacant possession of the Building by the Legislative Council Secretariat.
- By now, the Judiciary is in the process of finalizing its requirements for the future CFA.

- 5. At the same time, the Architectural Services Department ("ArchSD"), being the works agent of the relocation project, has started to conduct the necessary Heritage Impact Assessment ("HIA") and building condition surveys including a detailed structural survey in respect of the Building. The target is to complete these surveys and obtain the approval of the Antiquities and Monuments Office ("AMO") for the HIA Report within the first half of 2012. During the same period, ArchSD will also be working on the detailed design of the proposed facilities for the future CFA in the Building, on the basis of the Judiciary's requirements and with due regard to the advice in the HIA Report as approved by the AMO.
- 6. The Judiciary will also be consulting various stakeholders at the appropriate juncture and will take their views into account in the planning process.
- 7. Thereafter, at an opportune time in the current legislative session, the Judiciary and ArchSD will give a presentation at a Panel meeting to consult Members on the proposed facilities of the CFA to be provided at the Building and the works programme. According to the tentative works programme as advised by ArchSD, the works are estimated to be complete in 2014-15.

Yours sincerely,

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c.c. Director of Architectural Services