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Ms Joanne Mak
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Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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(By Fax No. 2121 0420)

Dear Ms Mak,

**Panel on Transport and Panel on Financial Services
Joint Meeting on 28 February 2011**

I refer to your letter dated 2 February 2011 to the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury inviting, among others, the Hospital Authority (HA) to attend the joint panel meeting scheduled for 28 February. Your letter has been referred to the Food and Health Bureau for reply to you direct.

HA is a statutory body providing public hospital services. As a public body, HA has been providing services and treatment to patients in need. It does not have any interests in the insurance claims in traffic accidents. The medical assessment and the issue of sick leave certificates in HA are based on the professional judgment of doctors having regard to the clinical conditions of the patient in each case. Doctors in HA will continue to uphold the required professionalism and independence in assessing the conditions of individual patient, and sick leave will be granted to the patient accordingly.

We hope we have provided the information required and it is not necessary for HA to join the meeting on 28 February 2011. If you need further information, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Gloria Lo)
for Secretary for Food and Health

c.c. Hospital Authority (Attention: Dr CHEUNG Wai-lun)