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Dear Mr LAM,

**Handling of public meetings and public processions
at the Central Government Complex ("CGC")
and the routing of public processions to CGC**

I refer to your letter dated 3 October 2011 to the Secretary for Security on the above subject. In relation to the handling of public meetings and public processions at the new Central Government Offices ("CGO"), our response is as follows.

We recognize and accept the need to facilitate public expression of opinion whilst maintaining the orderly and effective operation of the CGO at Tamar. To strike a balance between these considerations, we have arranged to open the East Wing Forecourt of the new CGO (the Forecourt) to members of the public for conducting public meetings or

public processions on Sundays and public holidays. This arrangement is similar to that adopted for the use of the CGO compound at Lower Albert Road for the purpose.

Similar to the CGO compound at Lower Albert Road, the Forecourt is primarily served as vehicular access and passenger drop-off points. Given the consideration of public safety and the need to maintain the effective operation of the CGO, we do not consider it appropriate to open the Forecourt on working days as well as Saturdays when office business is also conducted at some offices.

As most of the major access roads/pedestrian facilities in the surrounding areas of the new CGO (which is crucial to the effective management of pedestrian traffic particularly when large scale public order events are held at the Forecourt) have become operable and an increasing number of policy bureaux have been relocated to the new CGO, we are opening the Forecourt for holding public activities with effect from 16 October 2011. The CGO compound at Lower Albert Road is also to be closed with effect from the same date. Application for the use of the Forecourt should be made to the Director of Administration and details of the application procedures are available at the website of the Administration Wing at www.admwing.gov.hk.

Yours sincerely,



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