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The Honorable Tsang Yok Sing Jasper G.BS JP
Legislative Council Secretariat,
Legislative Council Complex,
1 Legislative Council Road,
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Hong Kong

Dear Mr. Tsang.

On behalf of our Association (Association of China Trend Studies (HK) Ltd.), I write to express our views on the restructuring initiative proposed by Mr. C.Y. Leung, the Chief-Executive-designate.

Our Association strongly supports the proposal. Many of our Vice-Presidents are former Heads of Hong Kong Government Departments who are familiar with the Hong Kong civil service. We consider that in splitting the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau into the Commerce and Industries Bureau and the Communication and Technology Bureau, the area of responsibilities of each bureau becomes more distinct and well defined. As a matter of fact, the public is concerned with a more efficient government that addresses social issues. The proposed addition of two new policy bureaus and creation of two new Deputy Secretary posts attempt to alleviate the public concern over Hong Kong's lingering problems: high inflation, the widening gap between the rich and the poor, affordability of housing, and the policy on housing, education and social welfare.

It is not fair to say that the restructuring is rushed through without proper public consultation. We recall that far back in 2007 when Mr. Donald Tsang's Administration proposed, at the start of its term of office, changes to the government structure, it took just a month to complete the discussion session at the Legislative Council. Mrs. Fanny Law has rightly pointed out that since Mr. C. Y. Leung's election campaign consultation started in last December, the civil service and the public have been fully explained the restructuring proposal.



Last but not the least, what we need is a harmonious society in Hong Kong and we need to give time to the new administration in its team building. It is not in the interest of Hong Kong people to put the new government in limbo by creating obstacles to the policy initiatives it has planned. We sincerely hope that the Pan Democrats can co-operate with the new administration and work hand in hand with the Chief-Executive-designate for the betterment of Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully,

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Founding President