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Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP

Chairman, Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs

**Re-organisation of the Government Secretariat**

Dear Mr. TAM:

The Hong Kong Medical and Healthcare Device Industries Association (HKMHDA) is writing to support Chief Executive-elect's proposal in re-organizing the Government Secretariat with a timeframe to implement the new organization structure on 1 July 2012.

With Chief Executive-elect, Mr. CY Leung, assuming office on 1 July 2012, the public is looking forward to a new government both anchored with present government expertise and enriched by the experience of community leaders newly joining the Government Secretariat. Many pledges that Mr. CY Leung had made during his election campaign requires substantial resource, not the least strategic and administration man-power at the bureau and department levels. HKMHDA views the timely establishment of the new organization paramount in ensuring the continuity of government operation and the government's progression to address the many contemporary social and economic issues.

The proposed restructuring of the existing Government Secretariat includes adding "two Deputy Secretary of Department (DSoD) posts to share the workload of the Chief Secretary for Administration (CS) and the Financial Secretary (FS)." A new Culture Bureau was proposed to take over

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the policy responsibilities from other bureaux on mattering including culture and the West Kowloon Cultural District, film and creative industries, and heritage conservation. It was also proposed that “the existing Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (CEDB) would be restructured into two new bureaux, namely the Commerce and Industries Bureau (CIB), and the Technology and Communications Bureau.” Furthermore, “policy responsibilities on the maritime, air and logistics industries would be transferred from the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) to the new CIB”. Finally, “the existing Development Bureau (DEVB) ... and Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) ... [would] be restructured into two new bureaux, namely the Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau, and the Transport and Works Bureau.”

The proposed restructuring also garnered support of the Administration in April 2012 so as to “ensure that the new organization structure could be implemented on 1 July 2012.”<sup>ii</sup>

It is of the view of HKMHDIA that:

1. The proposed reorganization commits additional resources that are necessary to address contemporary social and economic issues. It creates two DSoDs positions and adds 2 more bureaux.
2. The proposed reorganization is both logical and rational. It groups similar and related policy issues under the same bureau, thus promoting harmony and efficiency in how similar and related policy issues are addressed.

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3. The proposed restructuring must be discussed and acted upon by Legislative Council and its committees/panels in a timely manner as a matter of public interest. To note, we encourage all members of the Legislative Council to diligently prepare for the legislative process and avoid any actions undertaken to unreasonably delay it. Such is the fundamental duty expected by the public of any legislator.

For your information, HKMHDA's mission is to contribute to the local knowledge-based economy as an innovation and technology industry by servicing the medical and healthcare device industries in building internal competencies, setting and observing professional and industrial standards, publicizing our competitiveness locally and internationally, facilitating national and international cooperation in advancing the industries, and supporting and advising on Medical Device policies and regulations. As integral members of healthcare delivery, to ensure that safe and effective medical devices ultimately benefit the public.

Respectfully,

JOHN CHAI

Professor John Chai

Chairman

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<sup>1</sup> LC Paper No. CB(2)1908/11-12(01) Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs, Re-organisation of the Government Secretariat

<sup>11</sup> Legislative Council Secretariat IN25/11-12, INFORMATION NOTE on Re-organization of the Government Secretariat

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