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Ms Yue Tin-po
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Legislative Council
1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Ms Yue

**Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting
Special Meeting on 25 January 2013 (“Panel Meeting”)**

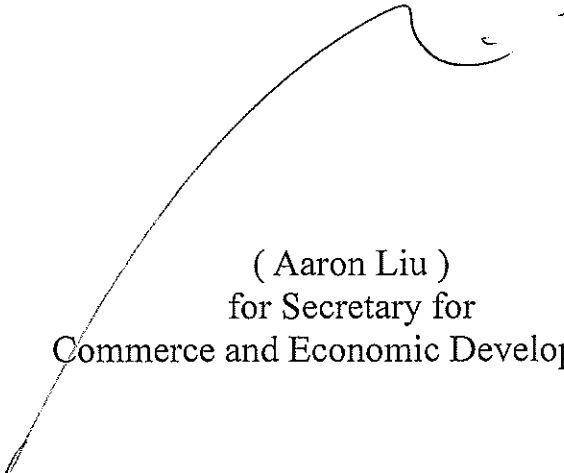
I refer to your letter of 17 December 2012 and enclose the bilingual information paper and the attendance list for the Panel Meeting.

In connection with the Panel Meeting, you may wish to draw Members’ attention to the following:

- (a) the officials attending the Panel Meeting do not represent the former Broadcasting Authority, the Communications Authority or the Chief Executive in Council. In the Panel meeting, the attending officials will explain to Members the prevailing broadcasting policy and the licensing regime, and report the progress of processing the three applications for domestic free television programme service licence (“free TV licence applications”), subject to the Executive Council’s

rule of confidentiality with which the attending officials have to comply;

- (b) since a party is applying for judicial review (“JR”) in respect of the free TV licence applications, the attending officials will refrain from commenting on any matter that relates to the details of our handling of the JR application or that may potentially affect such application; and
- (c) the attending officials will not respond to any opinions or comments expressed by the relevant organisation(s)/person(s) in the Panel Meeting that may relate to the aforementioned JR application. All our rights to dispute such opinions or comments in any future legal proceedings are hereby reserved.



(Aaron Liu)
for Secretary for
Commerce and Economic Development

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