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Dear Miss TSE,

Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Po Leung Kuk (L.N. 24 of 2014)

To facilitate our scrutiny of the legal and drafting aspects of the above subsidiary legislation, we would be grateful if you could clarify the following matters.

In paragraph 3 of the LegCo Brief (File Ref.: HAD HQ CR/11/16/1/4SF1/(C)), it is stated that the Po Leung Kuk (PLK) has been providing medical and health services for the users of its social service units, including Chinese medical services for its elderly users, dental services for the users with mental deficiency, as well as general out-patient services, health assessment services, physiotherapy services and speech therapy services for targeted service recipients of PLK's social service units through its Integrated Health Centre in Prince Edward. Please refer us to the basis for PLK to provide these services under the PLK Ordinance (Cap. 1040).

It is also noted that in paragraph 5 of the LegCo Brief, it is stated that the plan of PLK is to provide medical and health services at low costs to the general public and for free to the underprivileged. Please clarify how the charging of fees is to be effected by the Resolution and whether the Resolution as drafted would allow PLK to provide the services on a commercial basis.

We shall be grateful if you could let us have your reply in both English and Chinese at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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