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Miss Mary So
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Dear Miss So,

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

The Secretary for Justice announced in his speech for the Ceremonial Opening of the Legal Year 2014 this afternoon that the Department of Justice will take up the former French Mission Building, upon the relocation of the Court of Final Appeal from there, for provision of space for use by law-related organisations.

In this connection, I attach relevant extract of the speech (in English and Chinese) made by the Secretary for Justice, and should be grateful if you could forward it to Members for their reference.

Yours sincerely,

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**Speech by the Hon Rimsky Yuen, SC, JP,
Secretary for Justice
at the Ceremonial Opening of the Legal Year 2014
on 13 January 2014**

[Extract]

[A]s you may recall, the Government announced in December 2012 that it would allocate certain office space in the West Wing of the former Central Government Offices to legal and dispute resolution institutions (especially international or overseas institutions). As a follow up of this policy, I am pleased to announce that the Department of Justice will take over the former French Mission Building upon the relocation of the Court of Final Appeal to No. 8 Jackson Road, with a view to increasing the space that can be provided to legal and dispute resolution institutions. This will fit in well with the former Central Government Offices being used as the future home for the Department of Justice and law-related organizations, as well as enabling the whole area to become the future “legal hub” of Hong Kong.
