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Clerk to Panel  
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Dear Ms Leung,

Thank you for your letter of 31 October 2013 addressed to the Secretary for Home Affairs. On the issues relating to the production of "The Dream of the Red Chamber" raised in the letters from Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN and Dr Hon Helena WONG attached to your letter, our response is set out below.

The Government has all along been respecting the freedom of artistic creation, and we do not hope that the arts groups' autonomy in their artistic creation works is subject to any political interference. Regarding the production of "The Dream of the Red Chamber", the Hong Kong Ballet Limited has already explained to the public that the matter is entirely based on artistic decisions, and there has not been any political interference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elaine Mak'.

( Elaine Mak )

for Secretary for Home Affairs