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Legislative Council Building,  
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via Mr. Michael Scott, SASG/GAU

Dear Mrs. Ma,

**Bills Committee on  
Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Bill 1999**

**Meeting on 13 April 2000**

Thank you for your letter dated 31 March 2000 in relation to the captioned Bill.

This is to advise that the various suggestions to amend clause 3 of the revised CSAs and clauses 5 and 11 of the Bill are acceptable to the Administration and will be incorporated in the CSAs.

The proposed extension of exemption to Hong Kong students doing external LLB course has been referred to the Bar Association. This will be discussed in a meeting of the Bar Council scheduled for the evening of 13 April.

As you may be aware, it is considered that, in view of the proposed amendments to section 27 of the Ordinance, section 27A should also be repealed. The Administration is studying the issues involved and has prepared a consultation paper, a copy of which is enclosed for the information of the Bills Committee. I would be grateful if you would bring this to the attention of the members of the Bills Committee. Please be advised that the information paper is only for members' reference and not meant for distribution to the public.

Yours sincerely,

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