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**LegCo Panel on Constitutional Affairs**

**Follow up to meeting on 9 February 1999**

At the Panel meeting held on 9 February 1999, members raised a few points in respect of the relationship between the executive and the legislature. The Administration's reply to the points raised is herewith attached.

(Mrs Eleanor CHOW)  
for Clerk to Panel

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30 March 1999

Mrs Percy Ma  
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Dear Mrs Ma,

**Panel Meeting on 9 February  
Relationship between the Executive and the Legislature**

At the Constitutional Affairs Panel meeting held on 9 February, members raised a few points in respect of the relationship between the executive and the legislature. As agreed, I have relayed them to the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive has taken careful note of these points and I have been asked to assure you that the Administration will continue to work closely with all members of the Legislative Council.

At the meeting, members sought clarifications over the Chief Executive's remarks that he was also elected. As I pointed out at the meeting, these remarks should be put in proper context. Members should be aware that the Chief Executive was elected by the 400-member Selection Committee representative of various strata and sectors of society.

The Chief Executive is the head of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Under Article 43 of the Basic Law the Chief Executive is accountable to the Central People's Government and to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. To ensure that government policies meet the changing needs of our community and enjoy general support, there is a need for the Chief Executive to listen to the views of a wide spectrum of our community. As a matter of fact, the Chief Executive has met various strata and sectors of our community and their representatives since he assumed office.

His efforts in this respect, however, cannot be measured merely by the time he spent in meeting certain groups or sectors.

Yours sincerely,

(Michael M.Y. Suen)  
Secretary for Constitutional Affairs