



14 January 2011

The Hon Jasper Tsang Yok-sing, GBS, JP  
President  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Building  
8 Jackson Road  
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Hong Kong

Dear President,

### **Chief Executive's Question and Answer Session on 13 January 2011**

At the Chief Executive's Question and Answer Session yesterday, the Hon. Leung Kwok Hung once again acted in complete disregard of the Rules of Procedure by making unseemly interruptions while the Chief Executive (CE) was answering a question posed by another Member. Worse still, in front of your goodself and before the full Council and the public through the live broadcast, the Hon. Leung announced he would "throw" an object at the CE and immediately hurled it towards him. This caused the CE to duck and the object narrowly missed him. The Hon. Leung then rose, grabbed the mop he brought into the Legislative Council (LegCo) Chamber, and tried to cross the floor to reach the CE afterwards. His approach was only stopped by a number of security officers who had to physically push him away. Your goodself also ordered him to be evicted from the Chamber.

Such intimidating and disruptive acts are totally unacceptable in any context and by any standard, not to mention the fact that such acts were performed by a LegCo Member openly inside the LegCo Chamber. As you know, this is not the first time the Hon. Leung has engaged in such unruly conduct. When similar conduct took place back in February 2009 involving the Hon. Leung and two other Members, it drew cross-party and public condemnation that such conduct tarnished the dignity and the orderly operation of the LegCo.

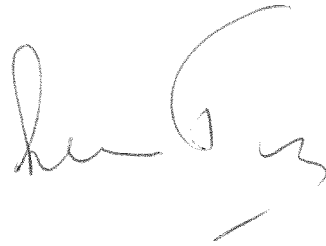
We deeply regret that such an incident has occurred yet again. Despite having written to you several times during the last two sessions to register our concern on the unruly behaviour of some LegCo Members towards public officers, there does not appear to be any end to such behaviour. We understand that the Committee on Rules of Procedure earlier considered but came to the conclusion that the current Rules of Procedure need not be amended to cater for persistent grossly disorderly conduct in the Council.

The incident yesterday was plainly an escalation of the type of grossly disorderly conduct we have sadly witnessed thus far. It has gone beyond mere disruption of the LegCo proceedings. It was an act of intimidation targeted at the CE. Its effect is much more far-reaching than to simply undermine the dignity and orderly operation of the LegCo; it has also jeopardized the core of the civil society and the democratic process. The Hon. Leung showed utter contempt for the existing Rules of Procedure which plainly had no effect on him in terms of deterrence or consequence.

Under the Rules of Procedure, public officers attending meetings of the Council should enjoy the same protection and respect as any LegCo Member. More importantly, the CE, as head of the Special Administrative Region, attended the LegCo yesterday to answer questions concerning the administration and affecting the well being of this community. The CE and the public officers should never be subjected to intimidating acts when attending meetings of the LegCo or have any cause to fear for their personal safety. It is incumbent upon the LegCo to do its utmost to ensure that they are not.

Because of the gravity of the situation, we respectfully call upon your goodself to advise urgently what you and the LegCo intend to do in relation to the incident yesterday, and as to how you propose to avoid such incidents and to protect public officers in the future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Tang', with a horizontal line underneath.

( Henry Tang )  
Chief Secretary for Administration