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The Hon Henry Tang Ying Yen, GBM, GBS, JP
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Dear Chief Secretary,

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

Thank you for your letter dated 14 January 2011. I note your concern about the conduct of Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung at the Chief Executive ("CE")'s Question and Answer ("Q&A") Session held on 13 January 2011 and ways to avoid similar incidents in future.

Let me reiterate that as President of the Legislative Council, it is my constitutional function to ensure the smooth conduct of Council meetings. At the CE's Q&A Session held on 13 January 2011, I considered the conduct of Mr LEUNG to be grossly disorderly and, in accordance with Rule 45(2) of the Rules of Procedure, I ordered him to immediately withdraw from the Council for the remainder of that meeting.

In view of the concerns raised about some Members' repeated or persistent disorderly conduct during Council meetings, I have in the past referred the matter to the Committee on Rules of Procedure ("CRoP") which has conducted reviews on whether the Rules of Procedure should be amended to address the problem. I understand that while CRoP does not consider it necessary to introduce any new arrangement to deal with Members' disorderly conduct at Council meetings, it has requested the Secretariat to collate more information on the relevant rules and practices of other legislatures, and CRoP will further discuss the issue if necessary.

Following the incident on 13 January 2011, I notice doubts have been raised from various quarters that the current Rules of Procedure may not be adequate to enable measures to be taken to prevent or deter repeated or persistent disorderly conduct of Members at Council meetings. Also, it may be appropriate to introduce provisions in the Rules of Procedure to regulate the bringing of objects into the Chamber which may obstruct Members and public officers attending Council meetings or pose a threat to their personal safety. I am going to refer the matter to the Chairman of CRoP, Hon TAM Yiu-chung, and ask CRoP to consider it as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jasper Tsang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

(Jasper Tsang Yok Sing)
President

c.c. Members of the Legislative Council