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

Meeting of the Panel on Manpower on 17 February 2011

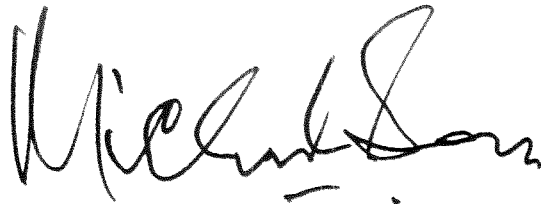
In response to our earlier letter of 14 January 2011 about the intimidating and disruptive acts of the Hon Leung Kwok-hung at the Chief Executive's Question and Answer Session, you have, vide your letter of 19 January, advised that the Committee on Rules of Procedure (CRoP) will consider as soon as possible the appropriateness of introducing provisions in the Rules of Procedure to regulate such acts.

I deeply regret to note that while CRoP has yet to consider the issue, the Hon Leung has escalated his act at the meeting of the Panel on Manpower yesterday by actually throwing plastic bottles at the Secretary for Labour and Welfare (SLW). He repeatedly threw the bottles at SLW from a very short distance four times and the objects only narrowly missed SLW. The act of the Hon Leung was only stopped when the Chairman of the Panel finally suspended the meeting. Regrettably, his grossly inappropriate act was openly reaffirmed by the Hon Wong Yuk-man when the meeting resumed, who also used improper and abusive language directed at the public officers when he spoke.

Such planned acts of the Hon Leung go beyond mere intimidation. They have posed real threat to the personal safety of public officers attending meetings of the Legislative Council (LegCo). We maintain that LegCo meetings, whether meetings of the full Council or its panels and committees, are fora for serious discussion of issues of concern to the community. Even if Members disagree with the views of the Administration, this is definitely not an excuse for resorting to uncivilised or even violent acts, or indeed any insulting or abusive language. This simply runs against the expectation of any civilised society.

The incident yesterday illustrates once again the seriousness of the issue and the urgency for LegCo to come up with practical solutions to avoid such incidents from happening again. Otherwise, the dignity of LegCo will be called into further question.

Yours sincerely,



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Chairman, Manpower Panel

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Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure