



13 June 2011

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

Dear President,

### **LegCo Council Meeting on 8 June 2011**

I deeply regret that at the Legislative Council (LegCo) meeting on 8 June 2011 when the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (SCMA) delivered his speech to move the second reading of the Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2011, he was twice interrupted by the Hon Albert Chan and the Hon Wong Yuk-man, who both used highly abusive language against him. The Hon Wong even crossed the floor to reach SCMA and pushed away the lectern in front of him. If he had not been stopped by the security officers inside the Chamber, there was a chance that the Hon Wong could have taken further violent acts against SCMA. Even when he was being evicted from the Chamber at the order of the Deputy President, the Hon Wong continued to make insulting and intimidating remarks against SCMA, including the threatening words “我一定唔會放過你”.

Public officers attending meetings of the Council should enjoy the same protection and respect as any LegCo Member. We have repeatedly conveyed to your goodself that acts which pose real threats to the personal safety of public officers should not be tolerated by the Council under any circumstances. The community at large also does not endorse such intimidating behaviour, which with no doubt has a negative impact on the dignity of Council meetings. There is a real urgency for a further review of the Rules of Procedure to deter such grossly disorderly acts. The

repeated incidents of misconduct, committed within a short span of time and after the Council has promulgated new rules aiming to address such misconduct, have demonstrated that more have to be done if the Council is serious about deterring such acts. We also note that the current rules have not addressed the circumstance in which the same Member repeatedly breaks the rules. Without any assurance from the Council that the Rules of Procedure will be further reviewed, the Administration will have to consider ways to minimise government officials' exposure to such risks of attacks. All Government officials who attend meetings of the Council and its committees/panels are doing so in good faith. The Administration has a duty to protect them from language or physical abuses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Henry Tang', written in a cursive style.

( Henry Tang )  
Chief Secretary for Administration