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

Dear ~~President~~, Yok-sing,

### **Legislative Council meeting on 7 January 2009**

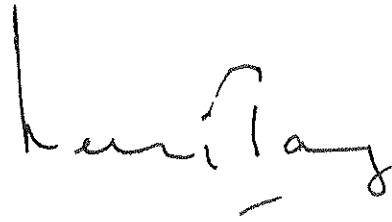
At the Legislative Council (LegCo) meeting yesterday, a few Members used exceedingly offensive and insulting language during the motion debate on "Public Consultation on 2012 Constitutional Development". Besides, a Member crossing the floor to approach the designated public officer seated at the Government Despatch Box was intimidating. Other than unnecessarily causing disruption to the LegCo proceedings, the behaviour is grossly unfair to the designated public officer attending the debate. Nor is it conducive to rational debates which the community would expect to see in the LegCo Chamber.

Mutual respect is a core value which the Hong Kong community treasures. Indeed, it is a core value of any civil society. It is also a protocol that has featured in the LegCo Rules of Procedures. Rules 10(2), 41(4) and 41(5) are particularly relevant as they protect LegCo Members and all participating public officials alike from exposure to offensive and insulting language, etc. when participating in LegCo proceedings.

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Given the risk of Members repeatedly departing from the principle of mutual respect during meetings of the Council, I do feel obliged to underscore the Administration's concern and to seek your able assistance to ensure that the principle of mutual respect can be preserved and observed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Tang". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent vertical stroke at the beginning.

( Henry Tang )  
Chief Secretary for Administration