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The Hon Henry Tang Ying Yen, GBS, JP
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Dear *Henry*,

Legislative Council meeting on 25 February 2009

I refer to your letter dated 25 February 2009 about the behaviour of a few Members at the Council meeting held on the same day and your concern about the impact of such behaviour on the relationship between the Legislative Council and the Administration.

I should reiterate again that as President of the Legislative Council, it is my duty to ensure the smooth conduct of Council meetings in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. At that meeting, I considered that the conduct of three Members was grossly disorderly and I ordered them to withdraw immediately from the Council for the remainder of that meeting.

It has come to my notice that 30 Members (as at 6 pm on 25 February) have co-signed a statement condemning the behaviour of the three Members at that Council meeting. These Members also expressed the view that such behaviour affects seriously the normal operation of the Council and seriously damages the image of the Council. Some other Members have said publicly that they found the behaviour of the three Members improper.

I am taking a serious view of the matter. I shall consult Ms Miriam LAU, Chairman of the House Committee, on whether and when the House Committee should be invited to consider if the current Rules of Procedure ought to be amended to cater for persistent grossly disorderly conduct in the Council.

I understand that the majority of Members of the Council are equally concerned about the recurrence of incidents of Members disrupting the proceedings of the Council. I strongly believe that the behaviour of those three Members is not the accepted norm of this Council, and the incident on 25 February would not affect the relationship between this Council and the Administration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jasper Tsang Yok Sing', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

(Jasper Tsang Yok Sing)
President

cc Members of the Legislative Council