



15 October 2008

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 15 October 2008

I write to express our concern on the behaviour of certain Members at the Legislative Council (LegCo) meeting today when the Chief Executive delivered his Policy Address.

To pay full respect to the constitutional status of the legislature and to enable meetings to proceed smoothly, we believe that Members and public officers attending LegCo meetings alike are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principle of mutual respect. Indeed, specific rules regarding content of speeches and behaviour during meetings have been stated in the LegCo Rules of Procedure for this purpose. I regret that some Members chose to disregard such a long-standing convention today, not only by making unseemly interruptions, but also by throwing objects inside the Chamber.

We remain committed to maintaining an open dialogue with the legislature and we will continue our effort in this regard. However, this cannot be achieved solely by the effort of the Administration. In the spirit of cooperation, we hope that all parties will abide by the principle of mutual respect in the conduct of business in the Council.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Henry Tang', with a small flourish at the end.

(Henry Tang)
Chief Secretary for Administration