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

Legislative Council meeting on 15 October 2008

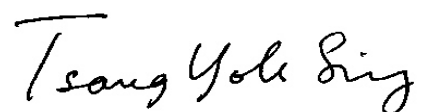
I refer to your letter dated 15 October 2008 regarding your concern over the behaviour of some Members at the Council meeting yesterday.

The standard of Members' behaviour acceptable to the Council has been laid down in the Rules of Procedure which are approved by the Members of the Council. Various provisions are laid down to regulate Members' behaviour and content of speeches during a meeting of the Council.

I regard it my primary duty to ensure the smooth conduct of meetings while protecting Members' freedom of speech. At the Council meeting yesterday, three Members interrupted the proceedings and I found their conduct grossly disorderly. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, I ordered these Members to withdraw immediately from the Council for the remainder of that meeting.

I fully understand your concern and your view that Members and public officers attending LegCo meetings are expected to show mutual respect in the way they participate in the business of the Council. I take this opportunity to provide a copy of this letter and yours to all Members of the Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tsang Yok Sing". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent horizontal stroke at the beginning of the first letter.

(Jasper Tsang Yok Sing)
President