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The Hon Jasper Tsang Yok-sing, GBS, JP
President
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear President,

Legislative Council Meeting of 27 February 2013

I write to express the Administration's grave concern over the incident in which the Hon Leung Kwok-hung threw an object at the Financial Secretary at the Legislative Council (LegCo) meeting of 27 February 2013. You may wish to note that I expressed similar concerns to the Deputy Chairman of the House Committee at our regular meeting yesterday.

As you would have witnessed on the day, the object thrown at the Financial Secretary landed near his seat. We consider such conduct grossly disorderly and unacceptable. The disruption caused to the proceedings on the day, during which the Financial Secretary delivered his annual Budget, is also much regretted.

Under the Rules of Procedure of the LegCo, public officers attending meetings of the Council should enjoy the same protection and respect as any LegCo Member. Public officers should not be subjected to intimidating or abusive acts by Members. The delivery of the Budget is a solemn act and the whole process was televised live, far more extensively than regular LegCo proceedings. Footage of such disorderly acts could undermine the image of the LegCo, both locally and internationally.

The Administration always stands ready to work with the LegCo on matters affecting the community of Hong Kong. We look forward to cultivating a strong working relationship with Members on the basis of mutual respect.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Carrie Lam) Chief Secretary for Administration