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

The Chief Executive's Question and Answer Session on 11 July 2013

I write to express the Administration's concern over the disrespectful act done by some Members to the Chief Executive (CE) at his Question and Answer (Q&A) Session on 11 July 2013. We consider such conduct grossly disorderly, potentially causing bodily harm, and thus totally unacceptable.

During the Q&A Session, Hon Chan Chi-chuen, Hon Albert Chan Wai-yip, Hon Wong Yuk-man and Hon Leung Kwok-hung left their seats in succession, caused a commotion with the intent to approach the CE. Hon Leung Kwok-hung and another Member even threw three sizable objects at the CE one after another, with one of them landed near him. Soon afterward, Hon Gary Fan Kwok-wai, before walking out in protest, scattered some ball-like objects over the aisle of the Chamber. Such misconduct seriously disrupted the proceedings of the Q&A Session and might cause danger to people attending the meeting.

Under the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council (LegCo), public officers attending meetings of the Council should enjoy the same protection and respect as any LegCo Member. I would like to thank you for taking decisive action yesterday to order the Members concerned to leave the Chamber in pursuance of the Rules of Procedures. Nevertheless, the Administration considers the throwing of objects by some Members at public officers on many occasions a serious matter.

As stated by the CE at the Q&A Session, the Administration attaches great importance to its co-operation with the LegCo. The general public expects that the LegCo offers a rational and civilised platform for serious discussion on matters of public concern. We hope that similar incidents will not recur in future.

Yours sincerely,

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