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30 May 2014

The Hon Mrs Carrie LAM, GBS, JP
The Chief Secretary for Administration
25/F, Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue
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Dear Chief Secretary,

I refer to your letter dated 26 May 2014.

As you know, I ordered Hon WONG Yuk-man, Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung, Hon Albert CHAN and Hon CHAN Chi-chuen to withdraw immediately from the Council in accordance with the Rules of Procedure due to their grossly disorderly behaviour at the Chief Executive's Question and Answer Session ("the Q&A Session") on 22 May 2014. I suspended the meeting when Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung refused to withdraw. When the meeting resumed, I noted that Hon LEUNG continued to refuse to be removed from the Chamber, and circumstances were such that the Q & A session could not proceed in order. I therefore decided to adjourn the Council. I considered it regrettable that the Q&A Session, which is a very important means for the Legislature to monitor the work of the Government, could not be fully used for the Chief Executive to answer Members' questions.

You expressed the Government's concern about the impact of a few Members' unruly behaviour on the functioning of the Legislative Council and the relationship between the Executive and the Legislature. As I told the media after the Q&A Session on 22 May 2014, the Executive and the Legislature have different functions but they share the common goal of serving the people of Hong Kong. In pursuance of this goal, I expect the Executive and the Legislature to enhance communication in matters of mutual concern.

I have repeatedly called upon Members to uphold the dignity of the Council and respect all persons who attend Council meetings. As pointed out in my letter dated 28 April 2014 to you, the Committee on Rules of Procedure has been examining the issue of repeated disorderly conduct of Members at Council meetings. I understand that the Committee will seek Members' views on a proposed procedure to deal with such conduct. I wish again to reiterate that until and unless the Rules of Procedure are amended to provide for a mechanism to prevent such conduct, the President or any committee chairman can take action only after disorderly conduct has occurred at meetings.

As President, it is my duty to maintain order in the Council in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. I will continue to strictly enforce these rules to ensure the smooth conduct of Council meetings.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jasper Tsang Yok-sing', written in a cursive style.

(Jasper TSANG Yok-sing)
President
Legislative Council

c.c. All Members of the Legislative Council