



18 October 2013

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

Dear President,

**The Chief Executive's Question and Answer Session
on 17 October 2013**

I write to express the Administration's grave concern over the use of insulting language towards the Chief Executive (CE) at his Question and Answer (Q&A) Session yesterday.

During the Q&A Session, some Members, particularly Hon Albert Chan Wai-yip, yelled at the CE using abusive and insulting language. Hon Leung Kwok-hung also left his seat with two sizable objects charging towards the CE. He tried to throw one of them at the CE but was stopped by security personnel. Not only did such disrespectful misconduct disrupt the proceedings of the Q&A Session, they have also destroyed the dignity of the Legislative Council (the Council).

While we respect the rationale behind your decision not to initiate the process for ruling such use of insulting language out of order on the spot being to allow other Members and the CE more time to speak on matters of public concern, such behaviour should be denounced in no uncertain terms. Given the fact that similar disorderly behaviour is displayed time and again on various occasions by the same group of Members, perhaps the Council may need to review whether the current Rules of Procedures are effective enough in deterring the recurrence of such

behaviour, by making reference to practices and rules in other legislatures. After all, it is not the reputation of an individual Member that is at stake but that of the whole Legislature.

As stated by the CE at the Q&A Session yesterday, the Administration attaches great importance to the relationship between the Executive and the Legislature. The general public also expects the Council to be a civilised forum for rational discussion on matters of public concern. We sincerely hope that such unruly behaviour would not occur again at future meetings held in the LegCo Complex.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carrie Lam".

(Mrs Carrie Lam)
Chief Secretary for Administration