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Dear Mr Lam,

Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Po Leung Kuk (L.N. 36 of 2002)

Thank you for your letter of 15 March 2002 in relation to the captioned Resolution. The answers to your enquiries are as follows:

- (a) The accounting requirements under section 7 of the Po Leung Kuk Ordinance (Cap. 1040) will apply to charitable work undertaken by the Kuk outside Hong Kong under the new subparagraph (ea);
- (b) The directors of the Kuk will be indemnified under section 8 of the Po Leung Kuk Ordinance by the Kuk against liability for any charitable work undertaken outside Hong Kong under the new sub-paragraph (ea);
- (c) The powers under paragraph 2 of the Schedule to the Po

Leung Kuk Ordinance are wide enough to cover the scope of the charitable work to be undertaken outside Hong Kong under the new sub-paragraph (ea); and

- (d) The Secretary for Home Affairs will consider the merits of each and every proposal submitted by the Kuk to undertake charitable work outside Hong Kong according to the following guiding principles:
 - (i) the charitable work to be undertaken outside Hong Kong should have the general support of the HK community;
 - (ii) where the charitable work involves donations or fundraising activities, the donors should be clearly informed of the purpose beforehand; and
 - (iii) the existing funds of the Kuk should not be diverted to finance the charitable work outside Hong Kong unless explicit instructions are given by the donors concerned.

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