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(Secretariat of Legislative Councillors of the Democratic Party)

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Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, JP
Chairman of the House Committee

Dear Mrs CHOW,

Regarding the incident of the Financial Secretary, Mr Antony LEUNG Kam-chung, purchasing a new car shortly before the announcement of the Budget, Members belonging to the Democratic Party consider that, as one of the principal officials, Mr LEUNG has been responsible for drawing up the Budget which has proposed, inter alia, the adjustment of motor vehicles first registration tax. His purchase of a car shortly before the announcement of the Budget may have constituted a breach of the Code for Principal Officials under the Accountability System as well as a conflict of interest. Since the above incident concerns not only taxation issues but also the integrity of a principal official, and it has also aroused widespread public concern, the Democratic Party proposes that the above item be added to the agenda for the coming House Committee meeting for discussion on how to follow up the incident. Your approval would be much appreciated.

Chairman of the Democratic Party
and Legislative Councillor

Signed

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