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Ms Miranda Hon Clerk, Public Accounts Committee Legislative Council Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Central Hong Kong

Dear Ms Hon,

The Public Accounts Committee's consideration of the Director of Audits Report No. 37

Administration of the Quality Education Fund

Thank you for your letter dated 18 December 2002.

You may wish to note that for the 6th call for applications which is underway, the Quality Education Fund (QEF) has adopted a number of measures based on the recommendations of the reviews conducted on its operation in 2002. Amongst others is the setting of a maximum grant of \$0.5 million each for approved projects of general nature, and \$5 million each for projects of exceptional merits.

Given the above policy, it is not envisaged that there will be grants exceeding \$10 million per project in this call for applications. However, should there be any change in policy whereby QEF grants exceed \$10 million per project in the future, we will be pleased to draw them to the attention of the Legislative Council Panel on Education.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Mimi Lee)

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for Secretary for Education and Manpower

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