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Dear Miss Tai

**Select Committee to inquire into the handling of
The Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome outbreak by
The Government and the Hospital Authority**

I note with concern that my statements in the Select Committee hearing on 17 January 2004 was seriously distorted by the media.

In order to avoid confusion, I would like to recapitulate the following key points I made on 17 January 2004 in relation to the matter of hospital closure :

1. To us at PWH, hospital closure means closing down the whole hospital and banning any person from going in and out of the hospital premise, including the healthcare workers. We recognized that such response action would require appropriate authorities from the government. The option was briefly discussed in our morning meeting on 12 March 2003. It was never turned into any real proposal.
2. Between 12 March 2003 and 18 March 2003, we were all the while discussing about the closure of the PWH Accident & Emergency Department (AED) in the various meetings that I reported to the Select Committee. I must also say that despite the various views expressed in the meetings of 12, 16 and 18 March 2003, the decisions made represented the collective agreement of the members present.

Yours sincerely

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