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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 Director of Audit's Report on the results of value for money audits (Report No. 41) Chapter 9: Funding of tertiary education

I write to confirm my earlier discussion with the Deputy Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Hon Emily Lau, JP that I would not be able to attend the upcoming PAC public hearing to be held on 10 December 2003.

I would like to take the opportunity to provide an update on our University's overhead recovery rate referred to in Table 9 and paragraph 5.15 of the report. We have increased the floor overhead recovery rate for self-financing activities from 11% in 2002-03 to 18% in 2003-04, effective 1 September 2003.

I hope the above information is useful for the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Chu President

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c.c. Secretary-General, University Grants Committee