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Clerk to the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs  
Legislative Council  
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Dear Sir,

**Meeting on 22 March 2004: NGO Human Rights Forum**

At the meeting on 22 March, the Hon Emily Lau asked us for information about the Forum and the identity of the participating NGOs. The position is explained below but, first, I must apologise for the delay in providing this response: we prepared it in early April but apparently overlooked the need to despatch it!

The Forum has its origins in the NGO briefings that we hold during the consultations that we hold prior to drafting our reports under the UN human rights treaties. The purpose of those briefings is to inform interested organisations of the form and procedure of the reporting process and to encourage them to submit views in writing. The briefings continue but, in recent years, participants have expressed the wish for more regular meetings with the Home Affairs Bureau in which discussion would focus on substantive human rights issues.

The first such meeting – a pre-cursor to the Forum - was held in April 2003 at the request of the NGOs and civil society organisations that comprise the Civil Human Rights Front. At that meeting, discussion focused on the proposed legislation to implement the provisions of Article

23 of the Basic Law. The first meeting of the Forum proper was held in October 2003 (attendance list attached). On that occasion, the focus was on the proposed legislation against racial discrimination and participants called for a further meeting to discuss issues related to the proposed law. Additionally, they proposed topics for future meetings of the Forum –

- (a) review of the implementation of the existing anti-discrimination ordinances;
- (b) children's rights;
- (c) the recent review of Government advisory boards and committees;
- (d) education for ethnic minority children;
- (e) the need for public space for demonstrations and processions; and
- (f) the focus of civic education.

As indicated above, the focus of the next meeting – to be held on 12 May 2004 - will be issues relating to the proposed law against racial discrimination. All NGOs/civil society organisations with an interest in human rights are welcome to attend

I will be grateful if you will draw this letter to the Panel's attention.

**Yours sincerely,**

**(John Dean)**  
**for Secretary for Home Affairs**

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**Human Rights Forum(人權論壇)**  
**Attendance List**  
**(3:00 p.m., 8 October 2003 at 30/F Southorn Centre)**

No.	Organization	Name/Post
1.	Civil Human Rights Front 民間人權陣線	Ms Virginia Lai 黎寶玲女士 Secretary
2.	Amnesty International Hong Kong Section 國際特赦組織香港分會	Ms Bella Luk 陸寶珠女士 Director
3.	Hong Kong Human Rights Commission 香港人權聯委會	Ms Annie Lin 練安妮女士 Community Organizer
4.	Society for Community Organization 社區組織協會	Ms Sze Lai-shan 施麗珊女士 Community Organizer
5.	Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor 香港人權監察	Mr Law Yuk-kai 羅沃啓先生 Director
		Ms Jacqueline Cheung 張嘉敏女士 Executive Officer
6.	Hong Kong Christian Institute 香港基督徒學會	Ms Rose Wu 胡露茜女士 Director
7.	Civil Rights for Sexual Diversities 性權會	Mr Roddy Shaw 邵國華先生 Representative
8.	Unison Hong Kong 香港融樂會	Ms Fermi Wong 王惠芬女士 Director
9.	Sham Shui Po Community Association 深水埗社區協會	Mr Chong Yiu-kwong 莊耀洸先生 Representative
10.	Association for the Advancement of Feminism 新婦女協進會	Ms Lam Wai-ha 林慧霞女士 External Officer
11.	Ward Office of Legislative Councillor Cyd Ho 何秀蘭議員辦事處	Mr Spencer Ma 馬健偉先生 Representative
12.	Broad Alliance for Rescuing Dr. Wang Bingzhang 各地營救王炳章大聯盟	Mr Anthony Chua 蔡誌慶先生 Webmaster

No.	Organization	Name/Post
13.	Equal Opportunities Commission 平等機會委員會	Mr Michael Chan 陳奕民先生 Director (Planning and Administration)
		Mr Li Siu-kwai 李紹葵先生 Chief Equal Opportunities Officer
14.	The Hong Kong Bar Association 香港大律師公會	Mr Philip Dykes, SC Vice Chairman
15.	Rainbow Action 彩虹行動	Ms Law Shuk-man 羅淑雯女士 Member
16.	Justice 國際司法組織香港分會	Mr Frank Ching 秦家驄先生 Council Member
17.	Coalition for Migrants' Rights	Ms Wahyu Nanik P

### Home Affairs Bureau

	Name	Post
1.	Mr Stephen Fisher (Chairman) 余志穩先生	Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs 民政事務局副秘書長
2.	Mr John Dean 田卓玄先生	Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs 民政事務局首席助理秘書長
3.	Mr David Yip 葉大偉先生	Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs 民政事務局助理秘書長
4.	Ms Pearl Chan 陳靜嫻女士	Executive Officer 行政主任