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Dear Mr Ho,

**Construction Industry Council (No.2) Bill**

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Secretariat has referred to me your letter of 2 December 2005 on the above subject.

We are aware that the Consultant Engineering Firm Resident Site Staff Association is keen to be assured of a seat on the Construction Industry Council (CIC). But given a large number of similar requests made by other stakeholders and in the interest of balanced representation, a nominating mechanism will be adopted through which selected industry organizations in different categories could propose suitable candidates for consideration and appointment by the Administration. You may be pleased to know that the Association has been included among nominating organizations grouped under the category of trade unions as detailed at **Annex**.

Under this arrangement, however, it is inevitable that not each and every industry organization would be able to participate directly in the future deliberations of CIC. We therefore accepted the suggestion of LegCo to put in place a system for representatives sitting on CIC to maintain regular communication with stakeholders in their respective sectors, though further details have yet to be worked out.

As far as scrutiny of the enabling legislation is concerned, consensus has been reached on all major issues of principle. With clause-by-clause examination already proceeded to an advanced stage, there is good prospect for the CIC (No.2) Bill to be enacted within this session.

I will count on your support in ensuring the early formation and effective operation of CIC.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Agnes Kwan)  
for Secretary for the Environment,  
Transport and Works

cc Chairman, Bills Committee on  
Construction Industry Council (No.2) Bill

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**Nominating Organizations  
under the Category of “Trade Unions”**

- Construction Site Workers General Union
- Consultant Engineering Firm Resident Site Staff Association
- Hong Kong and Kowloon Electrical Engineering and Appliances Trade Workers Union
- Hong Kong Construction Industry Employees General Union
- Hong Kong Electrical Engineering Professional Employees Association
- Hong Kong General Union of Lift and Escalator Employees
- Union of Hong Kong Electrical Engineering Assistants