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Dear Dr LIAO,

**Subcommittee to Study
Tate's Cairn Tunnel Ordinance (Replacement of Schedule) Notice 2005 and
Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road Ordinance
(Replacement of Schedule 1) Notice 2005**

I refer to your correspondence with Hon LAU Kong-wah, Chairman of the Subcommittee, in July 2005 and my recent telephone conversations with your Administrative Assistant. As directed by the Chairman, I write to invite you to attend the second meeting of the Subcommittee.

In his letter dated 4 July 2005, the Chairman has extended the Subcommittee's invitation to you to attend its second meeting and set out the list of issues concerned. From your reply dated 22 July 2005, the Chairman noted that the Administration needed more time to study the issues and that you would endeavour to give a substantive reply by mid-August. Given that the substantive reply is still outstanding, the Chairman would like to point out that the Subcommittee is required to report its deliberations to the House Committee on or before 14 October, and it is therefore necessary for the Subcommittee to meet again in or before early October. Two suggested timeslots for the second meeting of the Subcommittee are set out as follows:

- (a) Friday, 30 September 2005, 8:30 am to 10:30 am ; or
- (b) Wednesday, 5 October 2005, 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

The Chairman earnestly hopes that you would accept the Subcommittee's invitation to attend its second meeting and provide the written reply to the list of issues at least three days before the meeting. I should therefore be grateful if you would let me know which of the two suggested timeslots is more convenient to you so that meeting arrangements could be made accordingly.

Your reply by 22 September 2005 would be most appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Salumi CHAN)
Clerk to Subcommittee

c.c. Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP (Chairman)