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18 December 2004

Ms Elaine CHUNG Lai-kwok Business Development Director Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Co. Ltd. 98, Tam Kon Shan Road Ngau Kok Wan North Tsing Yi New Territories

Dear Ms CHUNG,

Panel on Public Service Meeting on 21 December 2004

Agenda Item III Policy governing post-retirement employment of civil servants

Further to our telephone conversations on 16 December 2004, Hon TAM Yiuchung, Chairman of the Panel on Public Service (the Panel), has noted your three letters and directed me to write to you on his behalf.

The Chairman wishes to reiterate that, as explained to you over the phone on 16 December, the Panel is tasked to examine, inter alia, Government policies and issues of public concern relating to the civil service. In examining Government policies, the Panel would also examine the related issues of public concern. Given the recent public concern over your possible involvement in the bidding of the West Kowloon Cultural District project by the Henderson Land Development Co. Ltd, the Panel has decided to further examine the policy governing post-retirement employment of civil servants at its meeting on 21 December. To facilitate the discussion of the agenda item, the Chairman accepted members' request that apart from the Secretary for the Civil Service, you would also be invited to attend the meeting. The Chairman therefore directed me to contact you by phone on 16 December inviting you to attend the meeting.

Having noted your three letters dated 16 December and 18 December, the Chairman would like to invite you again to attend the Panel meeting to be held on **21 December** for the above agenda item **from 4:05 pm to 5:25 pm** in the **Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**.

You are invited to note that the meeting will be held in public. At the meeting, the Chairman will invite you to answer questions from Members. When addressing the Panel, you will not be covered by the protection and immunity provided under the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap.382). Any written submissions you provide for the meeting will also not be covered by the Ordinance. In line with our usual practice, unless you raise objection, any such written submissions will be made available to the public and the media, and placed in the Library and Web Site of the Council.

On the day of the meeting, you are advised to arrive at 4:00 pm and obtain the entry pass at the Security Control Post at the VIP/Members' entrance of the Building before proceeding to the Ante-Chamber on the first floor. You will be invited to join the meeting when Members are ready. Please note that you are required to wear the entry pass at all times while in the Building and return it to the Security Control Post before leaving the Building.

To facilitate meeting arrangements, I should be grateful if you would confirm in writing by 12:00 noon, 20 December 2004 whether you would attend the meeting on 21 December 2004 for the above agenda item.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Salumi CHAN) Clerk to Panel

c.c. Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Secretary for the Civil Service (Attn: Mr Stephen SUI)