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Dear Mrs Ma,

**LegCo Panel on Constitutional Affairs :
Follow up to enquiries raised at the previous panel meeting**

At the meeting of the LegCo Panel on Constitutional Affairs held on 20 March 2006, some Members enquired about the "Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference" (CPPCC) subsector of the Election Committee (EC). Our response is set out below -

- (1) According to the information provided for in the web-page of the General Office of the CPPCC National Committee, the CPPCC has a National Committee and Local Committees. The Tenth CPPCC National Committee is composed of 34 units ("界別"), including the unit of "specially invited people from Hong Kong" ("特邀香港人士").

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According to our knowledge, under these various units, there are at present about 180 Hong Kong members of the CPPCC National Committee. All Hong Kong members of the CPPCC National Committee, irrespective of which units they belong to, are eligible to be registered as voters in the "CPPCC" subsector of the EC, provided that they can meet the requirements under section 12(19) of the Schedule to the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap 569) regarding registration as geographical constituency electors. If these members meet the relevant eligibility criteria of other subsectors, they may also choose to be registered as voters in these other subsectors.

- (2) The Tenth CPPCC National Committee has 9 special committees (such as the economic affairs committee, and the education, science, culture, health and sports committee). According to the relevant regulations, members of these special committees are selected from within members of the CPPCC National Committee. In other words, Hong Kong members taking part in these special committees are also Hong Kong members of the CPPCC National Committee, and are thus eligible to be registered as voters in the CPPCC subsector of the EC, as described in the above paragraph.

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