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Dear Mr LAM,

### **Panel on Constitutional Affairs**

#### **Visit of the Panel to Beijing**

In his Policy Address delivered on 12 October 2005, the Chief Executive urged all Members to be increasingly concerned about matters affecting our country, to open up more communication channels and to have more contacts with the Mainland. The Chief Executive also said that the Administration would, through different measures, encourage more Mainland visits by Members.

One of the most important issues followed up by the Panel since the first term LegCo is the constitutional development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region after 2007. At the meeting on 17 October 2005, the Panel decided to form a delegation to visit Beijing, as soon as possible, for the purpose of exchanging views with officials of the Central Authorities on constitutional development and the methods for selecting the Chief Executive in 2007 and for forming the Legislative Council in 2008.

On behalf of the Panel, I am writing to seek your assistance in drawing up the visit programme and itinerary, and making logistical arrangements. To facilitate the Panel to proceed with the preparatory work for the visit, I should be grateful if you would let me know, within two weeks, your suggestions regarding the timing and duration of the visit, as well as the Mainland officials and organisations to be visited.

If you need further information about the visit, please contact Mrs Percy MA, Clerk to the Panel, at 2869 9253.

I look forward to your early reply.

(Dr LUI Ming-wah)  
Chairman  
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