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22 October 2005

Hon. LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Chairman of the LegCo Panel
On Planning, Lands and Works

Dear Mr. LAU,

**Proposed Conversion for two Assistant Director Posts in BD
From single discipline to bi-discipline posts**

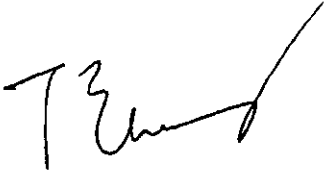
It comes to our institute's attention that the Panel is going to consider the subject matter on 25 October 2005. Without the knowledge of the proposal, we would like the panel to defer the discussion of the subject so that we could have time to submit our views for panel's consideration.

We are given to understand that the conversion is in fact of two established Government Building Surveyor (GBS) posts to bi-discipline posts (to be filled by either a GBS or a Government Structural Engineer (GSE)). **Building Surveyor** and **Structural Engineer** are two different building professionals by qualification. They receive different academic and professional training and hence play different roles on building or construction matters in both private and public sectors. The career development of a GBS and a GSE should be quite different. Therefore, the proposed conversion will no doubt have implication on the efficiency of BD and his quality of service.

As both public interest and our professional status will be affected, we are most grateful if you could allow time for us to prepare a representation on the subject. Please feel free to contact our Manager, Ms Margaret YUNG, or me at 2526 3679 for arrangement.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T T Cheung', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

T T CHEUNG

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