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Clerk to the Finance Committee
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(Attn: Mrs Mary TANG)

Dear Mrs TANG,

**Finance Committee
Follow-up to meeting on 2 November 2007**

I refer to your letter of 5 November 2007 to the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury regarding follow-up to the Finance Committee meeting held on 2 November 2007. For discussion item FCR(2007-08)31, we provide below an interim report on the rectification of the humidity problem at Bethanie by the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA).

The E&M consultants of HKAPA have been working on technical improvements at Béthanie to overcome unstable dehumidification conditions. Revision of the current design at Béthanie and modification work are expected to be completed prior to end March 2008. Thorough and longitudinal testing would then be conducted in April and early May 2008. If the testing is found satisfactory, the humidity-sensitive equipment would be relocated from Wanchai to Béthanie in July 2008.

The ballpark estimate of the rectification work is \$450,000.

We will further provide the details and costs of rectifying the humidity problem at Bethanie to the Finance Committee upon completion of the relevant work by HKAPA.

Yours faithfully,



(Ms Venus Yiu)
for Secretary for Home Affairs

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