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Dear Ms Yue,

Discussion on the recent losses of USB flash drives in departments

On 25 April 2008, the Department of Health disclosed a case of losing a USB flash drive containing patient personal data. Three similar cases were subsequently uncovered by the media to have happened in hospitals. By the end of April, the Civil Service Bureau revealed yet another case occurred at the Secretariat on Civil Service Discipline. I am deeply concerned about the Administration's security policy of handling sensitive information, and the code of using external electronic storage devices.

Hence I would like to call a special meeting to discuss this issue on the Panel. I would be grateful if you can invite the Administration to attend the meeting for: 1) explaining the current policies on data handling; 2) explaining the plans to enhance data security.

Thank you for your kindly arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

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