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Consulate General of
the Philippines

Hong Kong SAR

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Dear Chairman Lau,

Thank you very much for inviting the Philippine Consulate General to attend the Panel on Security special meeting on 26 August 2010. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the said proceedings.

Allow me instead to take this opportunity to express to you, and through you, to the honorable members of the Council and to the people of Hong Kong, my profound sorrow for the tragic events of 23 August.

I also wish to inform you that a high-level Philippine delegation is due to arrive in Hong Kong very soon to meet with leaders of the Hong Kong government. At present, a full inquiry as mandated by the Philippine President has begun, and a full report is expected in the next few days.

The Philippines and Hong Kong have always had excellent relations through all these years. We hope that this upcoming high-level visit as well as the final investigation report will help answer many of the unanswered questions regarding this incident so that we can bring our relations back on track as before.

Sincerely yours,



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Consul General

The Honorable LAU Kong-wah

Chairman

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