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The Honourable Donald Tsang, GBM
The Chief Executive of the
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
of the People's Republic of China
Chief Executive's Office
Hong Kong

Dear Donald,

On behalf of Members of the House Committee of the Legislative Council, I write to express our grave concern about the refusal of the Philippine witnesses summoned by the Hong Kong Coroner's Court to testify in the inquest into the deaths of eight of the victims of the Manila hostage incident.

At the House Committee meeting on 18 March 2011, Members expressed deep regret that of the 116 Philippine witnesses summoned to testify before the Hong Kong Coroner's Court, only a few had agreed to testify; but only via video link. Further, Members were most distressed to note that even among these few, some subsequently failed to turn up.

We hope that you would request our country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to urge the Philippine Government to take all necessary actions to assist the Hong Kong Coroner's Court in the taking of evidence from the Philippine witnesses.

Yours ever,

(Miriam LAU Kin-ye)

Chairman

Legislative Council House Committee