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Mrs Vivian Kam Clerk to House Committee Legislative Council Secretariat 3/F, Citibank Bank Tower 3 Garden Road Hong Kong

Dear Mrs Kam,

Chief Executive Election (Amendment) Bill 2010 and Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2010

I am writing to convey our views regarding the arrangement of the Bills Committee in relation to the Chief Executive Election (Amendment) Bill 2010 and the Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2010.

The above two Bills were introduced into the Legislative Council ("LegCo") on 15 December and the Bills will be considered by the House Committee on 17 December. We would like to suggest for Members' consideration that the above two Bills be considered together by one single Bills Committee should such be formed. However, we appreciate that this is entirely a matter for the House Committee to determine.

As explained in the LegCo Brief issued on 8 December, the two Bills will amend the electoral methods for selecting the Chief Executive and for forming the LegCo in 2012 so as to implement the amendments approved and recorded respectively by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress in August this year. Members of LegCo and the public have been discussing the two electoral methods as a package since the public consultation was launched in November 2009. We are of the view that it would be more desirable for the two Bills to be considered by Members under one Bills Committee.

I should be grateful if you would convey our views to Members for their consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my colleague Mr Freely Cheng at 2810 2852 or Ms Anne Teng at 2810 2908.

Yours sincerely,

(Arthur Ho)

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