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Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Central (Attn: Ms Connie Szeto)

Dear Ms Szeto,

## Subcommittee on Professional Accountants (Amendment) Bylaw 2011

### Second Meeting on 14 June 2011

Thank you for your letter of 7 June 2011 on the captioned. The following representatives from the Administration and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA) will attend the second meeting of the Subcommittee on 14 June 2011 –

#### **HKICPA**

Ms Winnie Cheung, Chief Executive and Registrar Mr Johnny Chan, General Counsel Mr Patrick Tam, Director of Member and Corporate Services Ms Madeleine Lam, Head of IT

Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau

Mr Maurice Loo, Principal Assistant Secretary (Financial Services)

Department of Justice

Mr Allen Lai, Senior Government Counsel

Please find attached a paper issued by HKICPA which sets out the information requested by Members as listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 1 June 2011 attached to your letter.

In paragraph 3 of the aforementioned List, the Administration is requested to research into the relevant rules or practices of local self-regulatory professional bodies in conducting meetings and voting through electronic means. In this regard, we have checked the relevant rules or practices of the following professional bodies –

- Hong Kong Bar Association;
- The Law Society of Hong Kong;
- The Hong Kong Medical Association;
- The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers;
- The Hong Kong Institute of Architects; and
- Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors.

None of the said bodies currently provide for their members to participate at meetings or vote on matters through electronic means.

Yours sincerely,

(Maurice LOO)

for Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

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c.c. HKICPA (Attn: Ms Winnie Cheung)

DoJ (Attn: Mr Allen Lai)