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Miss Flora TAI  
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Dear Miss Tai,

**Polling Day for the 2012 Legislative Council Election and  
Related Arrangements**

I am writing to inform Members of the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) of the date for holding the general election for the fifth term LegCo and related arrangements.

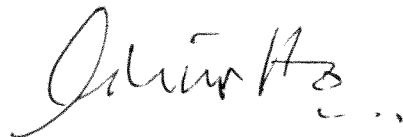
Section 6(1) of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542) (“LCO”) provides that the Chief Executive must specify a date for holding a general election to elect the Members for each term of office of the LegCo. Having considered the relevant statutory provisions concerning the determination of a general election date and the nomination period preceding an election,

and the practice adopted in the past public elections, the Chief Executive has appointed **9 September 2012** as the date for holding the general election for the fifth term LegCo. In this connection, the nomination period for the 2012 LegCo election is scheduled for 18 July 2012 to 31 July 2012.

In accordance with section 6(1) of the LCO, a notice on the polling date will be published in the Gazette on 16 March 2012.

I should be grateful if you could circulate this letter for the information of all Members of the LegCo.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arthur HO', with a stylized flourish at the end.

( Arthur HO )

for Secretary for Constitutional  
and Mainland Affairs