18 December 2013
The Honourable Starry LEE Wai-king, JP
Chairman, Bills Committee on Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2012
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Starry,

Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2012 Committee Stage Amendment ('CSA')

c/o Ms Annette Lam, CCS(1)3

I would like to move a committee stage amendment to the Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2012. The proposed amendment is attached for your easy reference.

The Bill proposes that if a residential property is acquired on behalf of a HKPR minor by his/her guardian or trustee, the relevant transaction should be exempted from buyer's stamp duty. The proposed CSA seeks to remove the exemption in respect of all HKPR minors.

The proposed CSA will address the concern shared by a number of committee members regarding the potential abuse of the exemption by non-HKPR parents of HKPR minors as guardians/ trustees of the HKPR minors to circumvent the buyer's stamp duty.

I would urge members of the Committee to support this amendment.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Ip Lau Suk-yee, Regina

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