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Clerk to the Establishment Committee Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong (Attn: Mr Jason Kong)

Dear Mr Kong,

I refer to the closed-door briefing by the Hong Kong Police Force for the Establishment Subcommittee of the Legislative Council ("ESC") on 4 December 2015 ("the Briefing").

The purpose of the Briefing was to enable ESC Members to better understand the core duties of the Police's Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau ("CSTCB") (including its Cyber Security Centre). As we had made it clear to Members prior to the meeting, the Briefing involved sensitive information that must be kept confidential.

The Briefing covers the CSTCB's capabilities, approaches and operational direction. Disclosure of its content may undermine the Police's defence and protection capabilities in cyber security, giving criminals the upper hand to launch cyber attacks and sidestep the Police's efforts against such crimes. In addition, information about CSTCB's collaborative network in the Briefing is subject to confidentiality obligations under the relevant agreements. As such, we cannot provide copies of the PowerPoint materials on the day of the Briefing to the ESC.

(Andrew Tsang) for Secretary for Security

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