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Legislative Council Secretariat  
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Central, Hong Kong  
(Attn.: Ms Angel SHEK)  
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Dear Ms Shek,

**LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs**  
**Conservation of Incense Tree in Hong Kong**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs on 27 June 2016, Members requested the Government to advise in writing whether the Security Bureau (SB) has put those Two-way Permit holders who were convicted of illegal felling of incense trees on a blacklist of persons to be refused future re-entry into Hong Kong for a specified period of time.

The SB has advised that the Immigration Department regularly passes information on Mainland residents who have committed criminal offence with conviction in Hong Kong to the Bureau of Exit and Entry Administration of the Ministry of Public Security of the Mainland so as to enable the relevant authorities to strengthen assessment of their future applications for entry to Hong Kong. The offences include illegal employment, breach of conditions of stay, possession or use of forged documents, submission of false statements,

engaging in prostitution or other criminal offences punishable by at least two years' imprisonment<sup>1</sup>. Generally, the Mainland authorities will not issue exit endorsements and travel documents to such persons for a period of two to five years, depending on the circumstances, to prevent them from revisiting Hong Kong for illegal activities.

Yours sincerely,



(Vivian CHAN)

for Director of Environmental Protection

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Secretary for Security (Attn: Mr Michael Yeung)

Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Attn: Mr Simon Chan)

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<sup>1</sup> Offenders involved in illegal felling of Incense Trees are mainly prosecuted under the Theft Ordinance (Cap. 210) which carries a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 10 years.