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Dear Ms MAK,

**Subcommittee on Rights of Ethnic Minorities
Letter from Hon Claudia MO**

Thank you for your letter dated 29 March 2018 under the cover of which a letter from Hon Claudia MO requesting discussion of the work of the Ethnic Minorities (EMs) Steering Committee announced in the Budget and specific support measures at the Subcommittee on Rights of Ethnic Minorities (the Subcommittee) is attached.

As mentioned in the 2018-19 Budget Speech, the Steering Committee will coordinate, review and monitor work to support the EMs and to enhance internal collaboration. The Steering Committee will give due consideration to the specific usage and modus operandi of the earmarked sum of \$500 million, including exploring new model of support, as well as making the best use of community wisdom and network to strengthen support for EMs. In addition, the Government plans to conduct an engagement session with different sectors and groups on the matter, including various EMs groups, so as to gauge their views and aspirations.

The Steering Committee will convene its first meeting soon. The Government will brief the Subcommittee on the Steering Committee's work, action plan and specific support measures for EMs in due course.

Yours sincerely,



(Miss Cathy LI)
for Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

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