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Clerk to Panel on Home Affairs  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Central, Hong Kong  
(Attn: Ms Joanne MAK)

Dear Ms MAK,

**Inquiry about the Allocation of Tickets for the Hong Kong Sevens**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs held on 26 November, the Honourable Holden CHOW Ho-ding raised that some of the tickets of the Hong Kong Sevens allocated to rugby athletes have been put on the market at a high price. He asked the Home Affairs Bureau to follow up on the matter with the Hong Kong Rugby Union (HKRU). We have contacted the HKRU and our reply is set out below.

The HKRU indicated that no in-depth investigation could be made on the incident due to insufficient information available. Nonetheless, when allocating Hong Kong Sevens tickets to its affiliated clubs and members, the HKRU has put in place monitoring mechanism and measures including:

- (i) all tickets distributed to its affiliated clubs who help allocate the same to their members are numbered and recorded. The clubs are also required to submit the records to the HKRU for filing. If there are cases of ticket scalping in the market involving tickets allocated to the clubs, the HKRU is able to trace the source of the tickets;
- (ii) the HKRU calls for its members who are unable to attend matches to arrange ticket resale through *Viagogo*, an official ticket resale platform, so as to avoid wastage, fake tickets and ticket scalping activities in the black market;

- (iii) the HKRU has also made it clear to its members that no tickets allocated to them are allowed for speculation or profiteering. If any of its affiliated clubs is found to be in breach of its advice, the clubs concerned will no longer be eligible for the allocation of Hong Kong Sevens tickets.

The HKRU will closely monitor the situation, and will remind all affiliated clubs and members before commencement of the tournament that no scalping of Hong Kong Sevens tickets is allowed.

Yours sincerely,



(Ms Linda LAW)  
for Secretary for Home Affairs