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Subject: Protection of Personal Information on the Companies Register

FULLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL FOR PROTECTION OF COMPANY DIRECTORS'
PERSONAL INFORMATION - LC Paper No. CB(1)737/20-21(07)

Dear Sir,

As a Chartered IT professional (MBCS, MHKIE, C.Eng) I have always found it odd that directors' HKID numbers, residential addresses and year of birth are public information. HKID, residential address, birth dates – this is exactly the information that fraudsters are looking for. Thus armed, any fraudster around the world is able to conduct identity theft - taking out bank loans, contracts, etc in the name of said directors. HK Government has a duty to ensure it does not facilitate fraud. Personal information should be supplied only on application from a properly registered person for a valid reason and any such requests should be recorded for later reference should e.g. identity theft take place. I believe all this is common sense and I fully support the proposal.

Yours faithfully

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