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Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road, Central
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(Attn.: Miss Betty MA)

Dear Miss Ma,

**Bill Committee on
Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Bill**

Meeting on 24 May 1999

Thank you for your letter of 21 May 1999.

Regarding Marine Excursion Association (MEA)'s submission on the Bill, we would like to respond as follows -

- (a) we would retain the existing provisions relating to chartering of pleasure vessels. We would also consider views of the industry and the public when formulating the details of the relevant regulation. MEA and relevant parties would be further consulted on this matter when we draft the relevant subsidiary legislation under the Bill.
- (b) the Local Vessels Advisory Committee comprise members from different sectors of the local shipping industry. We shall ensure that the composition of the committee will reflect the views of the local shipping industry.

Yours sincerely,

(Peter KWOK)
for Secretary for Economic Services