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Dear Mr Cheong-Leen, Mr Lynn and Mr Yun,

Thank you for letter of 18 April to the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, putting forth your Association's proposal on the electoral methods of the Chief Executive (CE) for 2012 and 2017, and that of the Legislative Council (LegCo) for 2012, 2016 and 2020.

We will consult the public on the two electoral methods for 2012 in the fourth quarter of this year. As we have explained publicly, the reason for postponing slightly the public consultation is to allow the community to focus on dealing with the economic issues arising from the financial tsunami. We would still have sufficient time to discuss and to forge consensus on the 2012 electoral arrangements.

At present, we are continuing with the preparations for the public consultation. All the views expressed within the community will serve as reference for conducting the public consultation. Our aim is to determine the two electoral methods for 2012 within the tenure of the current-term HKSAR Government, so as to roll forward Hong Kong's democracy to a mid-way point in 2012, and pave the way for implementing universal suffrage.

We would like to thank your Association for your continuing interest in Hong Kong's constitutional development.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joyce Ho', written over a horizontal line.

(Joyce Ho)
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Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs