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Dear Sirs,

Further Development of the Political Appointment System

1. Under the principle of "one country, two system";
Article 2 " a high degree of autonomy",
Article 3 " the executive authorities ... shall be composed of permanent residents of Hong Kong"
and
Article 60 "Chief Executive as the head of the Government of Hong Kong SAR"
of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; and
the need for further development of political appointment system since first introduced in July
2002, I support the Proposed Arrangements for Appointment of Deputy Directors of Bureau and
Assistants to Directors of Bureau as outlined in your Consultation Document.

2. I trust that the Proposal on Further Development of the Political Appointment System
will take into account of the following:
(1) the civil service remains the backbone of the government and political neutral and/or
impartial, and
(2) the chain of command or communication between the political tier and the civil service has
to be clearly set out to avoid confusion and to safeguard against less efficient governance.
The matter will be checked and monitored from time to time preferably by the Chief Secretary for
the Administration in practice.

3. The appointees to the political tier shall be open to the permanent residents of Hong Kong,
no matter they are Civil Servants, and/or members of any political party or not. Upon
appointment, the appointees as "prescribed public officer" shall leave the civil service and their
membership of the political party if applicable in order to avoid any potential conflict of interest
and loyalty to the Director of Bureaus and the Chief Executive. There should be no objection for
them to revert back to Civil Service and or rejoin the political party after their term of
appointment.

Last but not the least, I wish that the said Proposal would enhance the efficiency of the political
work undertaken by the Directors of Bureau who need further devoted and unfailing supports
from their own tier of "same goal." group. On need basis, the Directors of Bureau may consider
to establish/enlarge or delegate his Deputy to establish/enlarge their own "think tank" and invite
more suitable people to join in for the achievement of their "goal" during their term of office. Of

course, these invitees are sitting on advisory boards and not members of the political appointment.

~~Yours faithfully.~~

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