



6 April 2020

Mr Philip Dykes, S.C.
Chairman
Hong Kong Bar Association

Dear Mr Dykes,

Thank you for your letter of 31 March to the Chief Executive. I am authorised to reply.

We note the community's concerns about the recent major public order events and the various proposals put forward such as establishing a Commission of Inquiry, as suggested in the mentioned report by Amnesty International Hong Kong. We would like to reiterate that the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) has the statutory function to identify any fault or deficiency in any practice or procedure of the Police that has led to or might lead to reportable complaints, and make recommendations. The Chief Executive has also pledged that the Government will seriously follow up the recommendations made by IPCC.

The Government understands that the current epidemic has added tremendous burden to various sectors, including the legal sector. In view of this, the Chief Executive announced on 27 March that the Government will launch the second round of the Anti-epidemic Fund. Different bureaux are now discussing with relevant sectors to provide necessary assistance and formulate suitable policies. We will strive to release relevant details to the public as soon as practicable and submit funding proposal to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald Cheng'.

(Ronald Cheng)

for Private Secretary to Chief Executive

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