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Dear Ms Yip,

Attack on Judges

I refer to your letter of 23 November 2020 to the Secretary for Justice, to which I am instructed to reply.

We all in Hong Kong treasure our independent judiciary. It should therefore need no reminder that the Government and the community-at-large, particularly the legal profession and the legal professional bodies, should not hesitate to come forward to defend the independence of our Judiciary, as enshrined in the Basic Law, and ensure that it is respected and not arbitrarily attacked.

Members of the public have the right to express their views or engage in discussions on court decisions and related matters within the boundary permitted by the law. For any conduct that may constitute a contempt of court, this Department will take follow-up actions as appropriate and necessary in the circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

(Hinze Chiu)

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