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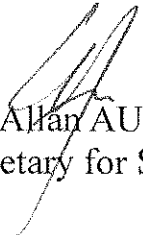
Dear Mr CHUI,

**The 3rd Meeting of the
Subcommittee to Study Issues
Relating to Mainland-HKSAR Families**

To follow up on the request mentioned in paragraph 2 of the minutes of the captioned meeting, the relevant information is provided as follows.

For individual cases which have special family difficulties but are not eligible for application for One Way Permit (OWP), including Mainland single mothers of minor children in Hong Kong who are widowed, divorced or having other special difficulties, the Immigration Department (ImmD) would convey such cases to and liaise with the Mainland authorities in a case-by-case manner, having regard to the requests of the persons seeking help and circumstances of the cases, for compassionate consideration of their situation by the Mainland authorities and exercise of discretion in processing their OWP applications. Besides, the ImmD will actively follow up with the Mainland authorities on a regular basis through various channels, including meetings and exchange of correspondences, and discuss with them any practical assistance to the persons seeking help.

As at 31 December 2015, the ImmD has received a total of 145 requests for assistance from Mainland single mothers, among which over 70 persons seeking help have been issued by the Mainland authorities OWPs for settlement in Hong Kong on discretion having regard to their unique circumstances, including four who claimed to be divorced or pending divorce.


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