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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

**Council meeting of 1 April 2020
not to be held**

As Members are aware, the COVID-19 outbreak is getting more severe in Hong Kong. With confirmed infection cases continuing to rise rapidly, the risk of a large outbreak in the community cannot be underestimated. Experts have pointed out that **Hong Kong is now at the highest risk since the outbreak began**. The foremost task of all sectors of society (including the Legislative Council (“LegCo”)) is to make every effort to curb the outbreak.

2. As a lot of people performing duties or staying/gathering in the LegCo Complex will increase the risk of the virus’s spread and given the need to fight the outbreak, the President, after discussion with the representatives of Members, decides that **the scheduled Council meeting of 1 April 2020 will not be held**. As directed by the President, the items originally to be dealt with at that Council meeting will be carried over to a future Council meeting.

3. The President will continue to exercise prudence in deciding on the arrangement for every Council meeting taking into account the development of the outbreak, Members’ views and the priority of agenda items, etc. The President appeals to Members and the public to join hands in fighting the outbreak at this critical moment, and hopes that LegCo will resume normal operation as soon as possible.

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