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Panel on Financial Affairs

Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Building, 8 Jackson Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Dear Chairperson and other panel members,

Re: Hong Kong ethnic-Pakistani residents being refused to establish bank accounts

I am writing to draw your attention to a recent incident concerns local banks refusing ethnic-Pakistani residents to establish bank accounts which was widely reported by the media. As an organization serving ethnic minority residents, on behalf of the complainants and the communities, we have written to those concerned parties, including the Hong Kong Associations of Banks, Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Hang Seng Bank and Equal Opportunities Commission, I now forward the letters to you for your reference and to see if there is any possible follow up actions that your panel may take.

Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact me at 2789 3246.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours faithfully,

Fermi Wong

Executive Director