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Chief Executive of Hong Kong,

In response to the Consultation Document on Further Development of Political Appointment System, I strongly object the creation of new political positions for supporting Secretaries/Principal Officials. The reasons are listed below:

- (a) It is a waste of tax payers' money;
- (b) Senior civil servants will inevitably be confused and their responsibilities will be further reduced. Their morale will also drop significantly;

The present problem is that civil servants under the Secretary are difficult to be disciplined/transferred/fired. Civil servants such as directors of departments may therefore not give full cooperation/support to their respective Secretary. Without the civil servants' full cooperation/support, Secretaries of course cannot perform well. The creation of no matter how many political assistants to Secretaries will not redress the problem because it is civil servants who implement the policy from the Secretaries.

In view of the above, I strongly object to the creation of new political positions for supporting Secretaries/Principal Officials, unless similar number of comparable civil servant positions are deleted.

Regards

30/11/2006

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