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Dear Mrs Li,

**Report on the Use of a Grant from the Disaster Relief Fund
for Emergency Relief to Typhoon Victims in Taiwan**

At its meeting on 17 August 2009, the Finance Committee approved a supplementary provision of HK\$50 million to the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) to provide emergency relief to the victims in Taiwan who were affected by Typhoon Morakot. On the advice of the DRF Advisory Committee, a grant of HK\$50 million was subsequently made to the Taiwanese authorities through the then Chung Hwa Travel Service.

We have received the report. The grant was pooled with other donations designated for the purpose of providing emergency relief to the victims of Typhoon Morakot in Taiwan and their disbursement was managed by an organisation named “財團法人賑災基金會”¹. The total expenditure of their relief efforts amounted to NT\$4,848,435,000² as at 8 August 2010 and the grant

¹ “財團法人賑災基金會” was established by the Taiwanese authorities in 2001 to coordinate the use of donations received from various sources for providing emergency relief to victims of disasters in Taiwan.

² It is equivalent to about HK\$1,212,108,750 at an exchange rate of HK\$1 = NT\$4 which was more or less the prevailing rate in August 2010.

from the HKSAR Government accounted for about 4% of it. The majority of expenditure incurred (over 90%) was to provide financial subsidies/relief supplies to the typhoon victims and contained no administrative overheads. Detailed breakdown of the expenditure is as follows –

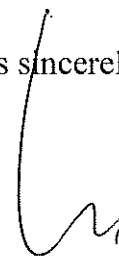
Relief Programme	Funding (NT\$)	Status
(i) Financial subsidies for households whose houses were seriously flooded – 140 420 households were benefited and each received NT\$20,000	2,808,400,000	Completed
(ii) Financial subsidies for households to resettle in other places as their houses were completely destroyed – 5 166 persons from 1 783 households were benefited and each person received NT\$10,000	51,660,000	Completed
(iii) Financial subsidies for families with members died or missing in the disaster – a total of 654 persons were benefited and each received NT\$600,000 (plus NT\$9 million reserved by the Taiwanese authorities for future claims)	401,400,000	Completed
(iv) Financial subsidies for children, youngsters, elderly and the handicapped who had lost their supporters – 29 persons were benefited and each received NT\$20,000	580,000	Completed
(v) Financial subsidies for people who had sustained serious injuries in the disaster – 4 persons were benefited and each received NT\$100,000	400,000	Completed
(vi) Emergency relief supplies for victims in Xinyi Township of Nantou County (南投縣信義鄉) who were cut off from other places during the disaster	100,000	Completed

Relief Programme	Funding (NT\$)	Status
(vii) Financial subsidies for students from low-income families who had been affected by the disaster— 10 814 students were benefited and each received a financial subsidy ranging from NT\$5,000 to NT\$15,000 depending on their level of education	78,475,000	Completed
(viii) Financial subsidies for low income families who had difficulties in sustaining their livelihood after the disaster – 1 732 households were benefited and each received NT\$50,000	86,600,000	Completed
(ix) Financial subsidies for families whose houses were completely destroyed	660,000,000	In progress
(x) Financial subsidies for families being resettled in accommodation arranged by government	300,000,000	In progress
(xi) Programmes to help victims in the fish farming industry	460,820,000	In progress
Total expenditure:	4,848,435,000	

The Taiwanese authorities considered that the relief programmes were effective and timely in addressing the needs of the typhoon victims. The majority of the programmes were completed and people's life has generally resumed normal. The Taiwanese authorities expressed heartfelt thanks to people of the HKSAR for their kindness and support in rendering assistance to the victims.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to inform Members of the above.

Yours sincerely,



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for Director of Administration