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Dear Sir/Madam,

Application for Exemption under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112)

With reference to the letter of your organisation's representative dated 2 October 2018 which was received on 3 October 2018, I hereby inform you that FOUNDATION LIMITED is entitled to exemption under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) with effect from 31 August 2018, and is, therefore, exempt from all taxes payable under the Ordinance. A certificate of tax exemption ("the Certificate") is attached.

The Certificate solely serves as a confirmation of the tax exemption status of your organisation. It is not issued for fulfilling requirements of non-tax related purposes, including applications for school premises, school sites or vacant non-domestic premises in public housing estates, applications for the use of government-owned historic buildings under the revitalization scheme, applications for seed grants to set up social enterprises and applications for rental subsidy in respect of cultural activities.

The profits derived from any trade or business carried on by a tax-exempt charity shall only be exempt from tax in accordance with the proviso to Section 88 of the Ordinance. Subject to certain limitations, a deduction is granted, for tax purposes under the Ordinance, for donations of money made to your organisation. A letter, drawing your attention to the need to distinguish such donations from other payments received by your organisation when issuing receipts, is enclosed for your reference. Please ensure that the correct full official name in English and/or Chinese of your organisation is printed on every donation receipt.

In so far as the various other ordinances administered by the Commissioner of Inland Revenue are involved, a tax-exempt charity is also entitled to certain exemptions as follows -

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- 1. exemption from stamp duty under Section 44 of the Stamp Duty Ordinance (Cap. 117).
- 2. exemption from business registration under Section 16(1)(a) of the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310).

In order to ascertain the effect on your organisation's exemption status, please notify the Department if there is any alteration to the governing instrument of your organisation within one month of the date of change. Besides, to assist us updating your organisation's record, please inform us whenever your organisation's operation is ceased, there is any change to your organisation's name or address as well as when a new subsidiary body is formed or an existing one is closed.

To ensure that your organisation's objects still meet the eligibility criteria for "charitable purpose" and that the activities are compatible with the objects, the Department will, from time to time, call for your organisation's accounts, annual reports or other documents for review. It is therefore essential that your organisation maintains good and sufficient accounting and supporting records for such review.

The Social Welfare Department, the Home Affairs Department, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Independent Commission Against Corruption have issued guidance on the best practices for charitable fund-raising activities. Please refer to the following links for information:

- "Good Practice Guide on Charitable Fund-raising" by the Social Welfare Department, Home Affairs Department, and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department <a href="https://www.gov.hk/en/theme/fundraising/guide/">https://www.gov.hk/en/theme/fundraising/guide/</a>
- "Best Practice Checklist Management of Charities and Fund-raising Activities" by the Independent Commission Against Corruption <a href="http://www.icac.org.hk/filemanager/en/content">http://www.icac.org.hk/filemanager/en/content</a> 218/fund raising.pdf

For enquiries, please contact the relevant departments.

Yours faithfully,

for Commissioner of Inland Revenue

c.c. Consultants Limited (w/o the Certificate)

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