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Dear Mr O'Brien,

Tin Hau Temple, Tai Shek Hau, Cheung Chau

Thank you very much for your letter of 12 February 2014 concerning Tin Hau Temple, Tai Shek Hau, Cheung Chau (“the Temple”).

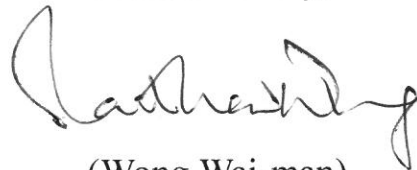
Although we have no formal record to show when the Temple was set up, it is believed that the Temple was first built more than two hundred years ago by the fishermen living on Cheung Chau Island for the local residents to pay their worship to the deity of Tin Hau. Our file record which dates back to the 1950s shows that the Temple has been under the management of Cheung Chau Rural Committee (“the Rural Committee”) through the Cheung Chau Chung Hing Street Committee (which has been delegated by the Rural Committee to manage the Temple) for a long time.

After the tragic fire on 30 December 2013, the Rural Committee made urgent arrangements to restore the statues of Tin Hau and her assistants so that the residents of Cheung Chau who wish to pay worship to the deities could do so during the Chinese New Year period. Besides, the Rural Committee also made an application on 31 December 2013 to us requesting subsidies to fund the repair works required to restore the Temple to the state before the fire. We are now working closely with the responsible persons of the Rural Committee to sort out the details of the restoration project and the funding arrangements for the works in order to process their application for subsidy.

Please be assured that we do share your view that the Temple is an important part of Cheung Chau's history and every effort should be made to restore it properly. In this connection, we will render assistance within our capability to the Rural Committee to restore the Temple and to facilitate their planning of the details of the restoration works.

Finally, thank you again for your concern and interest in the Temple and in preserving Chinese culture.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wong Wai-man', written in a cursive style.

(Wong Wai-man)

Secretary

Chinese Temples Committee

c.c. Secretary for Home Affairs (Attn.: Mr William LEUNG)
District Officer (Islands)