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Dear Mr. Chan,

**Policy Proposals on Implementation of
Information Technology Strategy Plan of the Judiciary (2nd Round)**

Thank you for inviting the views of the Hong Kong Institute of CPAs on the 2nd round consultation on the implementation of the Judiciary's information technology strategy plan. Our Restructuring and Insolvency Faculty Executive Committee (RIFEC) has discussed the proposals and has comments on one of the proposals in particular.

The RIFEC noted that it is proposed that the payment limit for online credit card payments be set at HK\$2,800, and that this would cover more than 90% of the revenue payments collected in the District Court and Magistrates Courts. Of course, this would still mean that around 10% of payments could not be made by online credit card payment, unless, as suggested, multiple filings of cases/ documents by one single payment were to be allowed and the limit could be applied to each filing. Therefore, we would encourage the Judiciary to allow such an arrangement.

Nevertheless, we would also suggest that the Judiciary consider raising the limit at the outset or, at least, commit to reviewing it regularly. RIFEC noted that the consultation paper refers only to payments collected in the District Court and Magistrates Courts. While we understand that the e-service will be implemented first in these courts, it will, we assume, be extended, in time to the High Court and the payment limit currently proposed, or the corresponding figure at that time, may not be sufficient to cover payments collected by the High Court.

If you have any questions on the above, please contact me at the Institute on 22877084 or at <peter@hkicpa.org.hk>

Yours sincerely,

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