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Chairman and Councillors, Society for Protection of the Harbour

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Dear Chairman and Councillors,

## Re: Formal Letter of Resignation from Society for Protection of the Harbour

In accordance with my Public Announcement (copy enclosed) dated 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 indicating my intention to resign from all public affairs, I am pleased to herewith tender my formal resignation as Adviser to your Society. As stated in my Public Announcement, I am leaving the work to wiser and better people like yourselves to carry on the work of the Society.

It has been a privilege for me to have founded the Society in 1995 and to have served the Society in various capacities ever since. It has been the best and most worthwhile task that I have ever undertaken. I am extremely grateful to you for your support and friendship over all these years.

The Society will always be needed to preserve and protect the harbour and, if necessary, to enforce the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance, the Court of Final Appeal Judgment and the High Court Judgments. Because of the great economic value of the harbour and any land reclaimed from the harbour, it is necessary for the Society to remain forever vigilant.

I hope I shall continue to have the custody and access to all the documents and papers of your Society for research purposes which are at present stored in the Wanchai storeroom provided by me. I am happy to confirm that during my life time, the Society may use the storeroom for storage purposes free of any rent. I leave you to make suitable arrangements with my Executors after my demise.

I am also pleased to confirm that my law firm Messrs. Winston Chu & Company will be happy to remain the Honorary Legal Adviser to your Society for as long as I remain a Consultant thereof.

I end this letter by wishing the Society every success in continuing to protect and preserve the harbour in the future.

With best personal regards,

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## Public Announcement

With the deepest regret, I have decided to resign as Adviser to the Society for Protection of the Harbour which I founded 18 years ago and to retire from all public affairs.

Since joining the legal profession in 1960, I have spent my life contributing to the rule of law, promoting education and protecting the environment, especially Hong Kong's Victoria Harbour.

Unfortunately recent events have forced upon me the conclusion that it will not be possible for me to make any further contribution to the public affairs of Hong Kong. I therefore leave the stage to wiser and better people.

I thank the countless members of the public for their kindness and assistance over the past two decades. It was their encouragement and support that had kept me going all these years.

Many years ago, I had publicly announced on the radio programme hosted by Mr. Albert Cheng that "I am not a hero nor a coward, but just an idiot who wants to serve Hong Kong". I have achieved my purpose.

As my parting wish, I sincerely hope that Hong Kong people will continue to protect and treasure our Victoria Harbour.

Goodbye!

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## 個人公開聲明

本人很遺憾已經決定辭去 18 年前由本人創立之保護海 港協會顧問一職,及退出所有公共事務。

自本人 1960 年加入法律界工作,我盡力爲維護法治制度 作出貢獻,促進教育,和保護環境,尤是維多利亞港。

很遺憾,最近連串事件使我作出結論,就是本人不能再 爲香港的公共事務繼續作出貢獻。因此本人決定退出所有公共事務,讓更 有才幹和更好的公眾人仕接棒。

我非常感激過往近 20 年來,無數市民的支持及協助。他們的支持和鼓勵,驅使我多年繼續工作。

多年前,我在電台接受鄭經翰先生訪問時,曾公開宣佈:「我不是英雄,也不是懦夫,只是個想爲服務香港的傻瓜」。我現已完成個人志願。

臨別,我希望香港市民繼續保護及珍惜我們的維港。

再會!

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