

1. There has been a newspaper report that Woo VP's younger sister, a Permanent President of the Hong Kong Association of Kindergartens, criticised Professor Arthur LI Kwok-cheung in an interview last October for not understanding the nature of working with young children.
2. There has also been a newspaper report of a statement made by the University Education Concern Group questioning the reasonableness of the appointment of Woo VP as a Commissioner of the Inquiry since he is a serving judge and since the head of the Judiciary is Mr Andrew Li CJ, who is the cousin of Professor Arthur Li.
3. Mr Justice Woo is acquainted with Professor Arthur Li and Mrs Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun. In his position as a judge, but mainly as the former Chairman of the Electoral Affairs Commission, Mr Justice Woo has had on previous infrequent occasions, the opportunity of meeting Professor Li and Mrs Law. All those meetings took place before this year. However, there was little conversation between Mr Justice Woo and either of them, save from exchanging greetings. Mr Justice Woo was appointed the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance on 9 August 2006 pursuant to the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance, Cap 589 and since then he has been performing his functions as the independent oversight authority regarding compliance with the requirements of the Ordinance by the law enforcement agencies ("LEAs"), including the ICAC. He needs to acquire information from the LEAs frequently and he pays periodical visits to their premises to check their relevant files and seek clarification. Since Mrs Law's recent appointment as the Commissioner of the ICAC, she is required as the head of an LEA to review her officers' compliance with the Ordinance and to report any possible failure to Mr Justice Woo. On 19 January 2007, Mr Justice Woo and Mrs Law had lunch together (with one other officers from each camp) to discuss matters under the Ordinance. Respectively as the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance and the Commissioner of ICAC, Mr Justice Woo and Mrs Law will, under normal circumstances, continue with their working relationship under the Ordinance in the future. Ever since 19 January 2007, Mr Justice Woo has not met either Professor Li or Mrs Law.
4. Mr Justice Woo's younger sister is Ms WU Chiu-ha, who runs several kindergartens, some of which are private. During the time when Professor Li and Mrs Law made known the Administration's policy on the kindergarten students' subsidy voucher scheme in not applying the scheme to private kindergartens, Ms Wu

openly criticized the scheme and the statements made by Professor Li and Mrs Law in relation thereto. The newspaper report referred to in para 1 above contains a part of the criticisms.

5. As far as Mr J P Lee is concerned, he does not know Professor Li but he met him at a Po Leung Kuk school on its 25th Anniversary Celebration on 10 March 2007. During his tenure of service from 1977 to 1989 on the Council of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Mrs Fanny Law also served for a period of time on the Council. This involved making decisions together on the Council as fellow members. He also met her at the Christmas party of the Corruption Prevention Department, ICAC on 22 December 2006.

6. Mr Justice Woo does not know any of the professors, staff or board members of the HKIED. Mr J P Lee knows Mr Eddie Ng Hak-kim, who is a Council Member of the HKIED. Mr Lee got acquainted with him when Mr Ng worked in The Hong Kong Council of Social Service in the early 1970s.
