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Statement of Lawrence J. Lau

- 1. I, Lawrence J. Lau, _____, will say as follows.

Dinner meeting on 17 April 2006

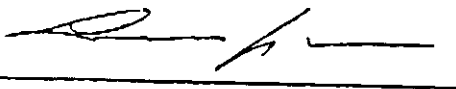
- 2. I can confirm that there was a dinner on April 17, 2006, at the Hong Kong Club.
- 3. Those present included Professor Arthur Li, the Secretary for Education and Manpower, Dr Alice Lam, Mr Michael Stone, Dr Thomas Leung, Professor Paul Morris, Professor Kenneth Young and myself.
- 4. I can recollect that part of the conversation was in relation to various possible modes and areas of deep collaboration between The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Institute of Education.

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5. As the event occurred almost a year ago, at present I do not have any specific recollection of what was said at the dinner, except that it did result in agreement on a joint letter, which was signed and dated two days later on April 19, 2006, from President Paul Morris of the Hong Kong Institute of Education and me addressed to Dr. Alice Lam, Chairman of the University Grants Committee, proposing five additional areas of deep collaboration between the two institutions (a copy of the joint letter is attached). There was no mention of a merger in this joint letter.

6. I also had no recollection or impression that the question of "merger", as defined in Hong Kong Higher Education Integration Matters : A Report of the Institutional Integration Working Party of the University Grants Committee March 2004, was discussed at that dinner. My recollection and impression was that the question of "merger" was not discussed.

Dated the 30th day of March 2007



Lawrence J. Lau