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Council Matters: Notice of Censure

Council reports that on 18 July 2005, the HKICS received a letter dated 15 July 2005 from Ms Rebecca Chow resigning as a member of Council and from all committees of which Ms Chow was a member with immediate effect. As such, Ms Chow no longer represents the Institute in any official capacity.

On 29 July 2005, Council noted Ms Chow's resignation. After considering correspondence between Ms Chow and senior Hong Kong Government officials, and correspondence between HKICS the President and Ms Chow, and noting that Ms Chow had declined to attend the meeting, Council found that prior to her resignation Ms Chow had been in material breach of the 'Rules Governing the Conduct of Meetings of Council' (Council Rules). Having unconditionally supported important Council decisions on 23 November 2004, 12 April 2005, and 9 June 2005 concerning proposed changes to the HKICS' constitutional relationship with the ICOSA, including the recommendation to members to vote in favour of such changes, Ms Chow subsequently wrote to senior Hong Kong Government officials expressing dissenting views.

Council regrets Ms Chow's breach of the Council Rules in relation to confidentiality and collective responsibility, which it regards as serious. On 16 August 2005 Council resolved that Ms Chow be censured in respect of her unacceptable conduct as a Council member. In view of Ms Chow's actions and disregard for Council Rules, Council further considers that it would be inappropriate for Ms Chow to represent the HKICS in an official capacity in future.