Business Facilitation Advisory Committee Task Force on Business Liaison Groups

An Update of the Progress of Business Liaison Groups

Purpose

This paper provides an update of the overall work progress of the ten Business Liaison Groups (BLGs) since the last meeting of the Task Force on Business Liaison Groups (BLGTF) held on 2 December 2020.

Progress

- 2. From 2 December 2020 to 19 April 2021, two BLG meetings were held and a total of four issues were satisfactorily resolved or clarified. At these meetings, six information dissemination sessions on business facilitation / new regulatory requirements were conducted by the departments concerned. A breakdown of these figures by the BLGs is shown at *Appendix*. During the pandemic period, we have continued to maintain communication with the trades through various means to gauge their concerns and follow them up by coordinating with relevant government departments. BLGTF Papers 118 to 120 set out some latest business facilitation measures and a Government subsidy scheme that will benefit BLG trades and address their concerns.
- 3. The Secretariat will continue to provide advance notice to members once the meeting schedule for future BLG meetings is available so that members can attend the BLG meetings as observers.

Way Forward

4. Members are invited to note the content of this paper and offer comments, if any.

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Appendix
A Breakdown of the Work of the Ten Business Liaison Groups from 2 December 2020 to 19 April 2021

BLG	No. of Meetings	No. of Issues Resolved / Clarified	No. of Information Dissemination Sessions	No. of Consultation Sessions
Food business (restaurant)	1	2	3	0
Food business (non-restaurant)	1	2	3	0
Billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks	0	0	0	0
Cinemas	0	0	0	0
Theme parks and attractions	0	0	0	0
Family amusement centres	0	0	0	0
Hotels	0	0	0	0
Recreational clubs	0	0	0	0
Karaoke establishments, night clubs, bars and other entertainment clubs	0	0	0	0
Guesthouses, holiday camps and holiday flats	0	0	0	0
Total:	2	4	6	0