Advancing Regulatory Excellence in Services Trade:
Hong Kong, China's Approach to Business Facilitation

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We Are

Digital Policy Office (DPO)

- Data-driven, user-centric and outcome-based policies
- Government digitalisation
- Efficiency and quality
- Benefits to citizens and businesses

Digital Government Branch of DPO

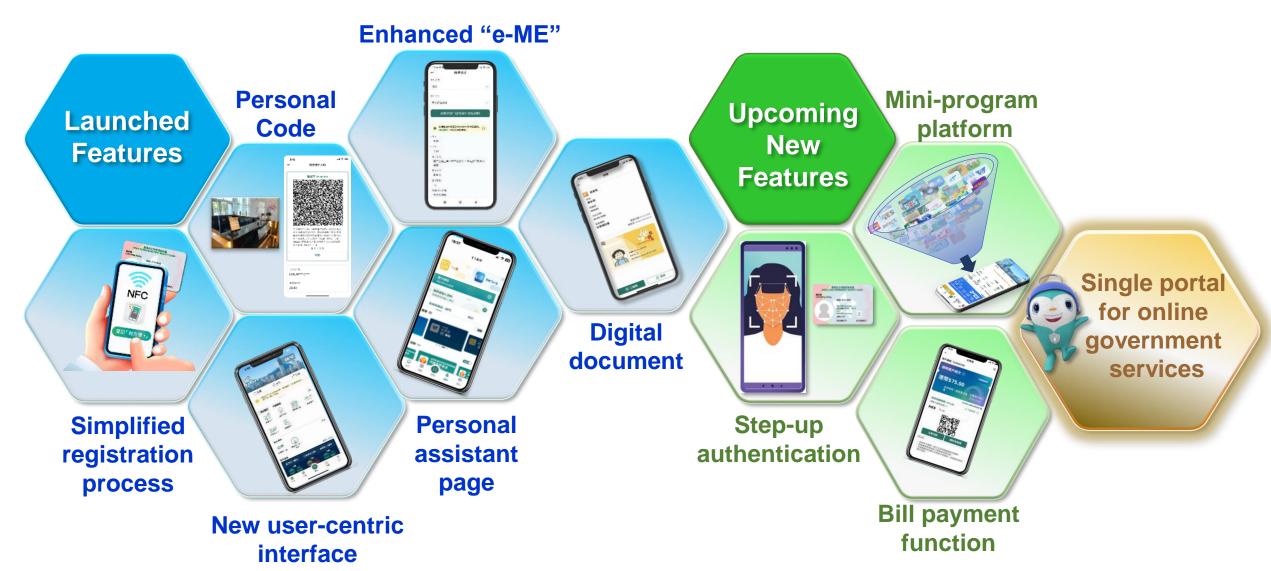
- Co-ordinating and overseeing government's efforts on
 - Business facilitation
 - Formulation of digital government policies
 - Digital inclusion
 - Social innovation





Our Work

"iAM Smart" A Single Portal for G2C Services



Our Work

Digital Corporate Identity "CorpID" A Single Portal for G2B Services



Promote and facilitate enterprises in their use of "Government-to-Business" and "Business-to-Business" digital services

Our Work

Good Practices in Facilitating Services Trade Regulations



Business Facilitation Advisory Committee



Business Consultation e-Platform



Digitalised
Government
Services

Facilitation

Innovation

EFFICIENCY

PREDICTABILITY

TRANSPARENCY

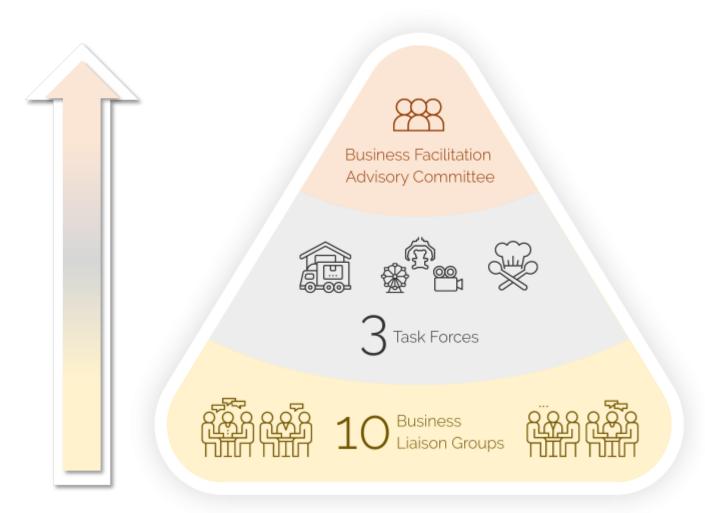
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Terms of Reference



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3-Tier Communication Platform



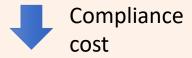
Cross-sector

Sector/
licence-specific

Issues at the operational level

BENEFITS





Regulatory barriers

Matters discussed at the lower tier are reported to the upper tier for monitoring and advice

Business Facilitation Advisory Committee

Examples of Discussion Items

Transparency

- Competition Ordinance and the Role of the Competition Commission in Assisting Businesses in Compliance and Promoting Market Competition
- Public consultation on statutory cooling-off period for beauty and fitness services consumer contracts

Efficiency

 eMPF Platform (central and integrated electronic platform to standardize, streamline and automate Mandatory Provident Fund scheme administration work)

Business Consultation e-Platform

Centralised Consultation Platform

Online platform publishing consultation information relating to proposed regulations, administrative measures and procedures that would impact business



Current
Consultation
Exercises



Upcoming Consultation Exercises



Archives of
Consultation
Documents and
Related Reports

BENEFITS



Proactive stakeholder engagement



Easy access to information



Efficient feedback submission

Digitalised Government Services

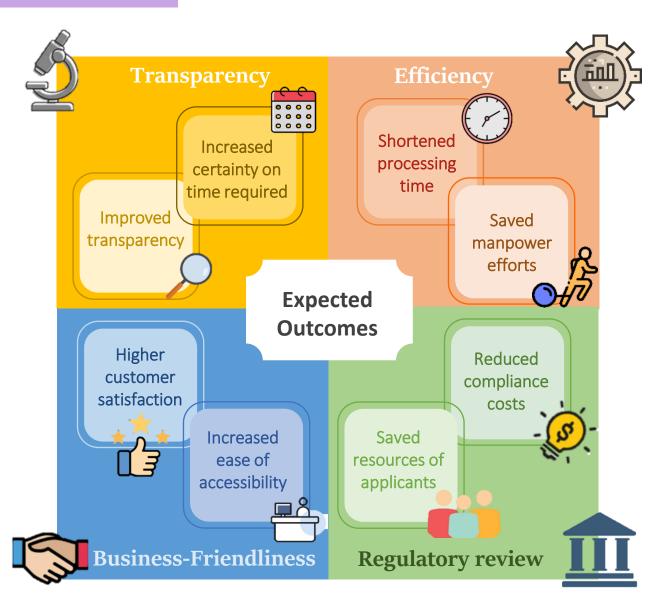
Improve Regulatory Environment, Enhance Licensing Process and Remove Barriers For Businesses

- To improve the efficiency, transparency and business-friendliness of licensing regime
- To relieve the compliance costs and administrative burdens of business sectors



500+ business licences
administered by
28 government bureaux/
departments

4 Improvement Areas



Digitalised Government Services

Initiative of Full Digitalisation

- Digitalise all licensing and government services involving application and approval by mid-2024
- Provide e-payment option for all government fees by Q3 2024, e.g. business registration fees, water bills, food business licence fees



Digitalised Government Services

Examples



Electrical and Mechanical Services Department:

Type Approval Process and Authentication System

Online single portal

EFFICIENCY

Online progress tracking platform



Customs and Excise Department:

Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones Registration System





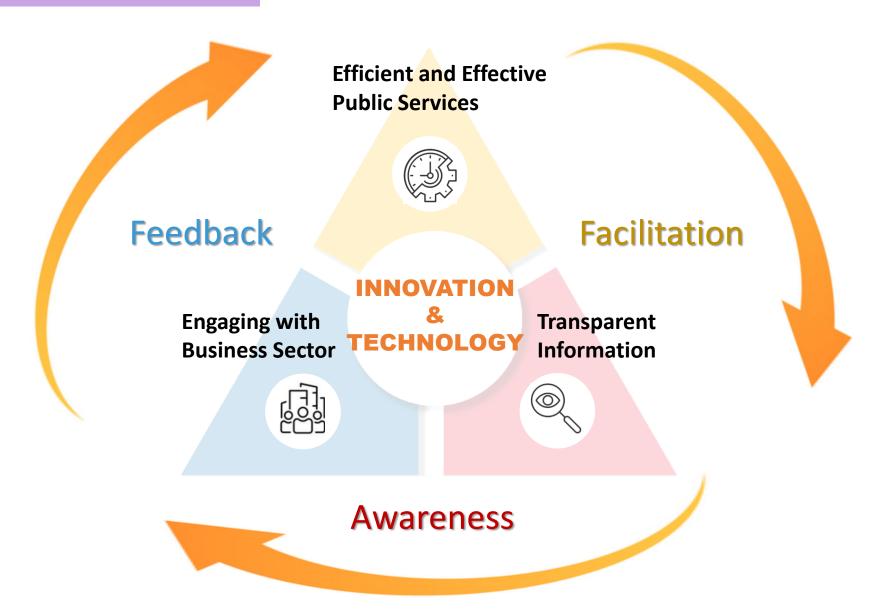
Marine Department:

Electronic services webpage

Thematic website



Role of Innovation and Technology





Thank you