

**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 17 December 2024.

Progress

2. From 4 December 2024 to 27 May 2025, we have conducted two BLG meetings and proactively liaised with the trade of nine BLGs. At the said BLG meetings, representatives of Government departments briefed the hotel trade on the Development Blueprint for Hong Kong's Tourism Industry 2.0, application for alteration / refurbishment in licensed hotel premises and related e-service, and briefed the food business trade on Composite Restricted Foods Permit, e-services of food business licences / permits, issuing fire safety requirements via e-means and Self-Certification Scheme for application for water supply for catering business trades, as well as consulted the food business trade on the new requirements for the installation of fire extinguisher cabinets in outdoor seating accommodation of licensed food premises.

3. Besides, the Secretariat continues to use various channels for the trade to share their views on licensing application and regulatory regime, and the uploading of summaries on the views collected and the Government responses onto the website of the [Digital Policy Office](#) on a regular basis.

4. During the above period, a total of ten issues raised by trades were satisfactorily resolved or clarified.

5. In the 39th meeting of the BLGTF, the Secretariat has arranged

representatives of Hong Kong Productivity Council to conduct a briefing on some popular Government funding schemes for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and the SME ReachOut under its operation, which are relevant to all BLG trades. BLGTF Paper 156 set out details of the funding schemes and the services offered by SME ReachOut.

6. The Secretariat will provide advance notice to members once the schedule for future BLG meetings is available so that members can attend the BLG meetings as observers.

Way Forward

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

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