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 27 August 2024.

Progress

- 2. From 14 August to 3 December 2024, we have conducted one BLG meeting and proactively liaised with the trade of five BLGs. At the said BLG meeting, representatives of the Home Affairs Department and the Hong Kong Police Force briefed the trade on the provision of online services for Certificate of Compliance and Massage Establishments Licence respectively. The Digital Policy Office also briefed the trade on the simplified registration process for "iAM Smart+" and the "iAM Smart" Sandbox Programme which will assist organisations in developing "iAM Smart"-enabled services.
- 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 <u>Digital Policy Office</u> on a regular basis.
- 4. During the above period, a total of four issues raised by trades were satisfactorily resolved or clarified. Of which, the Secretariat has presented one salient example in the 38th meeting of the BLGTF.
- 5. In the 38th meeting of the BLGTF, the Secretariat has arranged representatives of Labour Department to conduct a briefing on the abolition of offsetting arrangement under the Mandatory Provident Fund system, which is

relevant to all the BLG trades. BLGTF Paper 154 set out details of the above initiative.

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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