LETTERHEAD OF HONG KONG HOTELS ASSOCIATION

(Incorporated with Limited Liability)

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Clerk to the Bills Committee on HKTA (Amendment) Bill 2001 3/F. Citibank Tower 3 Garden Road Hong Kong

Via fax no.: 2121 0420

Dear Sir,

Re: Hong Kong Tourist Association (Amendment) Bill 2001

The Hong Kong Hotels Association supports the above amendment Bill, which abolishes their membership system, makes a name change to Hong Kong Tourism Board, enlarges the size their Board of Management from 11 members to 20 members, and increases the number of Board seats for representatives from the tourism industry.

We strongly believe that the amendment Bill is timely and it offer new opportunities to make the Hong Kong Tourist Association an even more effective and productive organization for promoting the tourism interests of Hong Kong as well as economic interests of the society.

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JAMES LU
Executive Director

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Yours truly