

**LETTERHEAD OF THE TOURIST GUEST HOUSES FEDERATION OF HONG
KONG LIMITED**

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Date : 17th February 2001
To : The Chairman of the Bills Committee
on Hong Kong Tourist Association
(Amendment) Bill 2001
3/F., Citibank Tower, 3 Garden Road,
Hong Kong

Re: Bills Committee on Hong Kong Tourist Association (Amendment) Bill 2001

Dear chairman,

We would like to express our views over the above-mentioned amendment bill. As far as the Hong Kong tourist industry is concerned, we basically agree with the idea of enlarging the size of the Board of management. It would be necessary for the promotion of Hong Kong tourism in the long run. However, among the changes suggested, we would also like to draw the committee's attention to the role played by hostel and guest house service in Hong Kong.

Among different sectors of hospitality like hotels and travel agents, the voice from hostels and guest houses seems to be neglected all the time. In order to ensure a quality service to visitors at different levels and to encourage the inflow of budget travelers, it is necessary that the committee would take the interests of the hostels and guest houses into account during the formulation of policy.

Yours faithfully,

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The Tourist Guest Houses Federation of Hong Kong Limited