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Dear Andy,

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

Thank you for letting us have sight of the written submissions from twenty organisations approached by the Bills Committee.

We note that most of the organisations are supportive of the Hong Kong Tourist Association (Amendment) Bill 2001. As regards suggestions from the Hong Kong Guesthouses Association Ltd., Hong Kong Association of Travel Agents, Hongkong Japanese Tour Operators Association, Hongkong Association of China Travel Organisers Ltd., Hong Kong Inbound Tour Operators Association Ltd., Hong Kong Tourist Industry Employees' General Union, Hong Kong Association of Registered Tour Co-ordinators Ltd. and Maxim's on the composition of the future Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB), we will take into account their views when considering appointment to the

HKTB. Nominations from the industry are always welcome. We will endeavour to maintain a balanced composition with representatives from relevant organisations and professionals to facilitate useful exchange at the HKTB.

We agree with the Hongkong Association of China Travel Organisers Ltd. that the Mainland China is an important source market of Hong Kong. Hence, one of the objects of the future HKTB is “to promote Hong Kong **globally** as a leading international city in Asia and a world class destination” which encompasses local, Mainland and overseas promotion. The future HKTB will continue to accord great importance to the Mainland market.

We firmly believe that the future HKTB will work closely with the industry and relevant organisations so as to provide the best support to the tourism industry.

I hope the above help address the comments made by the relevant organisations.

Yours sincerely,

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