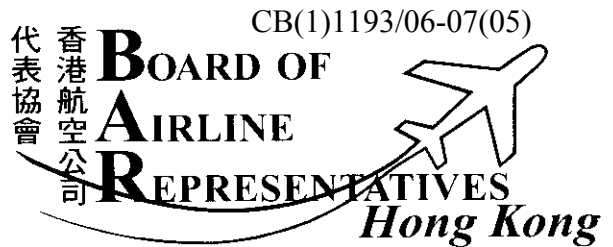


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Dear Ms Nien,

**Re: Your Invitation to Attend the Panel on Economic Services Meeting  
on 26 March 2007**

Thank you for your letter of 1 March inviting representatives of the Board of Airline Representatives Hong Kong to attend the meeting of the Panel on Economic Services on 26 March, which will address the topic of fuel surcharges on airline passengers.

As Chairman of the Board I welcome the Panel's initiative to consult the Board of Airline Representatives on matters relevant to its activities. In the present case, however, fuel surcharges applied on airline passenger tickets do not fall within the scope of the Board's activities. Indeed, these surcharges are set individually by each airline and approved by the Civil Aviation Department pursuant to individual applications made by the airlines separately. This process does not involve any consultation or discussion within the Board.

I therefore regret to inform you that the Board is neither competent nor mandated by its members to express any views on fuel surcharges applicable to passenger air transport.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

A N Tyler  
Chairman

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