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Paper for the House Committee meeting on 9 April 2010

Legislative Council delegation to conduct a duty visit to the Shanghai World Expo

Purpose

This paper seeks Members' views on the proposed duty visit to the World Exposition 2010 Shanghai China ("Shanghai Expo") by a delegation of Members of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") to be led by the President in response to an invitation of the Shanghai Municipal People's Government.

Background

Shanghai Expo

2. The Shanghai Expo will be held in Shanghai from 1 May to 31 October 2010 under the theme of "Better City Better Life"¹. The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) participates in the event by constructing a stand-alone Hong Kong Pavilion ("HK Pavilion"), participating in the Urban Best Practices Area Exhibition, and organizing a series of related activities such as Hong Kong week, parades and cultural performances.

3. On 9 May 2008, noting the support of the Panel on Commerce and Industry ("CI Panel"), the Finance Committee ("FC") accepted in principle the financial implications of supporting HKSAR's participation in the Shanghai Expo. On 6 June 2008, FC approved a commitment of \$145.40 million for the design and construction of the HK Pavilion. On 14 July 2008, FC further approved a non-recurrent commitment of \$201 million to meet the expenditure required for operating the HK Pavilion, the design and implementation of Hong Kong's

¹ The five sub-themes are: blending of diverse cultures in the city; economic prosperity in the city; innovation of science and technology in the city; remodeling of urban communities; and rural-urban interaction.

Urban Best Practices Area Exhibition and for organizing various activities and events associated with Hong Kong's participation in the Shanghai Expo.

Proposed duty visit

4. At the House Committee meeting on 12 March 2010, Members noted that the President of LegCo had initiated a duty visit to the Shanghai Expo and agreed that the CI Panel should come up with its initial views on the proposed visit for the House Committee to consider at a special meeting to be held on 23 March 2010. Members attending the meeting of the CI Panel on 16 March 2010 expressed support for LegCo Members to conduct a duty visit to the Shanghai Expo. Views of Members on the timing and duration of the visit, itinerary and places to be visited as well as logistical arrangements were summarized in a paper for the House Committee vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1431/09-10 issued on 22 March 2010.

5. At the special House Committee meeting on 23 March 2010, Members expressed support for the CI Panel's suggestions on the proposed visit. Members agreed that the visit should take place as early as practicable in May 2010, and where possible, Members should be able to attend the opening ceremony of the Shanghai Expo on 1 May 2010. On the duration of the duty visit, Members agreed that to avoid clashing with other Council business, the visit could take place during a weekend and last for about three to four days. Members also agreed that the LegCo delegation should travel by the Express Rail Link on the Mainland en route. The itinerary should focus on the Shanghai Expo, including the HK Pavilion, the China Pavilion, the Urban Best Practices Area Exhibition, and other major highlights featured in the pavilions of other participating countries/places at the Shanghai Expo. Noting that visits to the Mainland would only materialize upon invitation by the Mainland authorities, the House Committee agreed that Members' views in relation to the proposed visit should be relayed to the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR ("Liaison Office") through the President of LegCo.

6. Subsequent to the House Committee meeting, the President wrote to the Director of the Liaison Office conveying Members' views on the proposed visit. A reply was received from the Director of the Liaison Office on 31 March 2010. With the concurrence of the Chairman of the House Committee, the two letters were issued to Members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1480/09-10 on 1 April 2010, and attached in **Appendices I and II**.

Proposed visit to the Shanghai Expo

7. According to the letter from the Director of the Liaison Office, the Shanghai Municipal People's Government welcomes the President of LegCo to lead all Members of the Legislative Council to visit the Shanghai Expo from 8 to 10 May 2010. The Ministry of Railways also welcomes the LegCo delegation to take the Wuhan-Guangzhou Express Rail Link. The Secretariat has since then been in

close contact with the Shanghai authorities and the Liaison Office on the visit programme and the logistical arrangements.

Itinerary and places to be visited

Hong Kong to Wuhan and Shanghai on 8 May 2010

8. Under the current plan, the delegation will take the Express Rail Link from Guangzhou to Wuhan at 11:10 am and take the 6:35 pm flight from Wuhan to Shanghai on 8 May 2010. To ensure Members could reach Guangzhou South Railway Station on time and to avoid the heavy traffic in Guangzhou city centre, Members will depart the LegCo Building at about 7 am and take ferry from the Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal to Guangzhou Nansha Port, followed by coach to Guangzhou South Railway Station. During the journey from Guangzhou to Wuhan, relevant experts from the Ministry of Railways will brief Members on the operation of the Express Rail Link and its development in the Mainland. Afterwards, Members will take direct flight from Wuhan to Shanghai at 6:35 pm.

Visit to the Shanghai Expo on 9 and 10 May 2010

9. Members will have two full days in the Shanghai Expo, which is divided into two regions: the Pavilions region in Pudong and the Urban Best Practices Display Area region in Puxi. The delegation will visit the China Pavilion, the HK Pavilion, and the Theme Pavilions, as well as Pavilions of countries such as USA, United Kingdom and Japan on 9 May 2010. Visit to the Urban Best Practices Area where Hong Kong exhibits smart card technology and the effect of technology on everyday city life will take place on 10 May 2010. Subject to availability of time and confirmation by the relevant countries, a number of other pavilions may be included in the programme. The delegation will return to Hong Kong from Shanghai by air at 7:35 pm on 10 May 2010.

Media arrangements for the visit

10. Arrangement will also be made to enable press members on a self-paying basis to accompany the delegation throughout the visit. The maximum number of media representatives from each news organization covering the event is limited to three representatives for TV station (including one reporter, one cameraman and one technician) and one representative for each newspaper and radio station. The Public Information Division will liaise directly with media organizations on the detailed arrangements.

Financial arrangement

11. In accordance with the mechanism for handling Members' visits outside Hong Kong in response to invitations which was endorsed by the House Committee on 11 December 2009, visits related to LegCo business will be charged to individual Members' overseas duty visit ("ODV") accounts. A tentative estimate

of the expenditure for the 3-day visit is about \$9,500 per person, which is calculated according to the standard rates of subsistence allowance applicable to civil servants on duty visits to the city concerned and airfare at economy class rate. Subject to the House Committee's endorsement of the proposed visit, expenses relating to this visit will be charged to individual Members' ODV accounts.

Advice sought

12. Members are invited to consider whether to accept the invitation for the proposed visit and whether the expenditure of the visit should be charged to individual Members' ODV accounts.

Legislative Council Secretariat
8 April 2010



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彭主任：

对于我国即将举行2010年上海世界博览会(下称"上海世博")这项盛事,本人及立法会议员均表示高兴及期待。正如本人较早时向阁下提及,有议员曾在不同场合表示,希望能有机会前往上海进行职务访问,参观上海世博,也有议员对考察内地已兴建的高速铁路表示兴趣。本人向阁下提出议员的意愿时,阁下表示会积极提供协助。

立法会工商事务委员会及内务委员会较早前曾举行会议,就拟议的访问进行讨论。议员表示希望能够在上海世博开幕或之后适当的日期参观上海世博,藉此观摩我国及其它参与国家就都市发展、城市发展的创新意念、新的环保生活方式及工作环境,以及可持续发展等各方面的成功经验。议员亦可藉是次访问深入了解香港特区参与这项盛事的实际情况,以及希望引起香港市民参观上海世博的兴趣。

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至于访问的日期，议员希望能尽早进行。如可能的话，议员希望能出席2010年5月1日的上海世博开幕典礼。为免影响立法会的其它事务，议员认为这次访问在周末期间进行较为恰当，日数为3至4天，具体访问日期由上海有关当局作出安排。

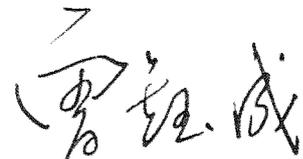
议员希望能参观中国馆、香港馆、城市最佳实践区(包括香港及内地多个城市的参展方案)，以及其它参与国家/地区展馆所展示的主要特色项目。议员亦希望顺道乘坐中国高速铁路，体验其实际运作和成效，并由相关的负责人员就这项运输建设及其发展作出介绍。

此外，亦有议员提出假如时间许可，希望能有机会参观上海市的城市建设及规划，以及拜访上海市金融服务办公室及相关的金融机构。

希望 贵办考虑拟议的访问及议员的建议，协助安排，并致函上海有关当局，转达议员的意愿。若 贵办需要进一步资料或有其它疑问，请与立法会秘书处助理秘书长(特别职务)马朱雪履女士(电话：2509 4530)或总议会秘书余天宝女士(电话：2899 2127)联络。

祝工作愉快！

立法会主席

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(曾钰成)

2010年3月25日

中央人民政府駐香港特別行政區
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LIAISON OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT
IN THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

香港特別行政區立法會主席

曾鈺成先生：

3月25日函悉。就閣下提出的希望我辦協助安排香港立法會全體議員赴上海參觀世界博覽會和搭乘內地高鐵等事，我辦即商內地有關方面，得到積極回應。謹復如下：

一、上海市人民政府表示，歡迎曾鈺成主席率香港特別行政區立法會全體議員于5月8日至10日赴滬參觀上海世博會，該市將做好有關接待和參觀安排。

二、鐵道部表示，歡迎香港立法會參訪團搭乘武廣高鐵，并會派出有關專家途中介紹高鐵技術發展趨勢和我國高鐵建設的情況。

三、由于參訪團首日由香港經廣州、武漢赴上海，沿途需多次轉乘不同交通工具，為順利轉接、按時抵達，我辦可

商請內地有關方面盡可能為參訪團提供方便。

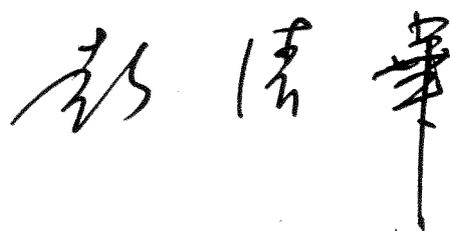
四、未盡事宜，可請立法會秘書處與我辦研究部萬寧小姐、李倩倩小姐聯系。如有需要，我辦願就此次訪問行程安排，提供必要協助。

預祝香港立法會全體議員組團訪問圓滿順利！

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中央人民政府駐香港特別行政區聯絡辦公室主任

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二〇一〇年三月卅一日