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Paper for the House Committee

**Proposal of the Panel on Manpower to send a delegation of two
Members to the Republic of Indonesia
to attend the Asian Parliamentary Assembly International
Conference on Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia and
Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on the Protection of the Rights of
Migrant Workers in Asia**

Purpose

This paper seeks the permission of the House Committee for the Panel on Manpower ("the Panel") to send a delegation of two Members to the Republic of Indonesia to attend the Asian Parliamentary Assembly ("APA") International Conference on Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia ("the APA Conference") and an Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers in Asia ("Ad Hoc Committee Meeting").

Background

2. APA was established in 2006 at the Seventh Session of the Association of Asian Parliaments for Peace ("AAPP"). AAPP was established in 1999 to cultivate strategies for the realization of peace and the right to development as well as social, cultural and environmental rights of people in Asia. AAPP was transformed into APA in pursuit of peace based on justice and of closer Asian parliamentary cooperation. APA currently has 41 members including the People's Republic of China.
3. The House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia will host the APA Conference and Ad Hoc Committee Meeting to be held from 27 to 29 September 2011. The theme of the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting is the protection of the rights of migrant workers. The Indonesian House of Representatives has invited the Legislative Council to send a

delegation of two Members to attend the APA Conference and Ad Hoc Committee Meeting. The Indonesian House of Representatives will cover accommodation for the two delegates and provide meals and local transportation. The tentative programme is in the **Appendix**.

Acceptance of the invitation by the Panel

4. The protection of the rights of workers, irrespective of whether they are local or imported, has all along been an issue of great concern to the Panel. As at 30 June 2011, there were about 1 864 imported labour such as care workers and farm workers under the Supplementary Labour Scheme and 292 473 foreign domestic helpers in Hong Kong.

5. As the theme of the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting falls within the terms of reference of the Panel, the Panel has sought by circulation of paper members' views on whether to accept the invitation and their interest in attending the APA Conference and Ad Hoc Committee Meeting. Based on the response of members, the Panel has agreed to accept the invitation and that the expenses incurred by members nominated by the Panel to attend the APA Conference and Ad Hoc Committee Meeting should be charged to the Members' Overseas Duty Visit ("ODV") accounts.

6. As at 15 August 2011, a total of two Panel members, including its Chairman, Hon LEE Cheuk-yan, and Hon WONG Sing-chi, have indicated interest in attending the APA Conference and Ad Hoc Committee meeting. The Panel has agreed to nominate these two members to attend the APA Conference and Ad Hoc Committee Meeting and that the expenses relating to their participation in the event should be charged to their ODV accounts.

Funding arrangements

7. As approved by The Legislative Council Commission, each Member is provided with an overseas duty visit account of \$55,000 for the purpose of duty visits outside Hong Kong conducted by committees of the Council. The fund in the account is for use by the Member in a four-year term. Any expenditure incurred in excess of the available balance in a four-year term has to be paid by the Member personally.

8. As the Indonesian House of Representatives will cover accommodation, meals and local transportation for the two delegates, the

expenditure for attending the APA Conference and Ad Hoc Committee Meeting will include mainly airfare and miscellaneous expenses. A preliminary estimate of the expenditure to be incurred by each participating member is about \$9,052 for economy class air passage and \$27,552 for business class air passage.

Advice sought

9. Under House Rule 29A(d), approval of the House Committee is required for any visit conducted under the name of the Legislative Council or its committees outside Hong Kong in response to an invitation and the funding of which is to be charged to individual Members' ODV accounts.

10. The House Committee's approval is sought for the two members of the Panel to attend the APA Conference and Ad Hoc Committee Meeting and the expenditure of which to be charged to their ODV accounts.

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ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY



International Conference on Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia and Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers in Asia 28 – 29 September 2011 Solo, Central Java Province - Indonesia

Tentative Program

Theme: Asian Integration for Friendship and Cooperation - Shaping a Better Future

Tuesday, 27 September 2011

Arrival of Delegates at Adisumarmo Airport
Proceed to the Sunan Hotel, Solo

19.30

Welcome Reception

Hosted by Hon. Dr. Muhammad Hidayat Nur Wahid, Chairman of the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation, the Indonesian House of Representatives
Venue: (TBA)

Wednesday, 28 September 2011

07.00 – 08.00

Breakfast

Venue: Narendra Restaurant, Lobby Level, Sunan Hotel

08.30 - 09.45

Opening Ceremony

Venue: Ballroom 2, Lobby Level, Sunan Hotel

- National anthem: Indonesia Raya (Great Indonesia)
- Art Performance
- Welcome Speech by Governor of Central Java
- Remarks by Secretary General of APA
- Opening Speech by Hon. Dr. Marzuki Alie, Speaker of the Indonesian House of Representatives
- Photo Session

09.45-10.00

Coffee break

- 10.00 – 10.30 **Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers in Asia**
- Remarks by Assistant Secretary General of APA
 - Keynote Speech by H.E. Muhaimin Iskandar, Minister of Manpower and Transmigration
 - Photo Session
- 10.30 – 13.00 **Ad-Hoc Committee (Continued)**
- Adoption of the Agenda
 - Election of the Bureau
 - Remarks by Hon. Sidharto Danusubroto, Chairman of Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
 - Explanatory Note on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers in Asia by: Honorable Member of the Indonesian House of Representatives
 - General discussion
 - Consideration of Draft Resolution and Adoption of the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
Venue: Narendra Restaurant, Lobby Level, Sunan Hotel
- 14.00 – 15.00 **Conference on Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia**
- Remarks by Assistant Secretary- General of APA
 - Remarks by Hon. Priyo Budi Santoso, Deputy Speaker of the Indonesian House of Representatives
 - **Keynote Speech: Principles on Friendship and Cooperation in Asia** by H.E. Jusuf Kalla, Former Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia *(TBC)*
 - Photo Session
- 15.00 - 15.15 Coffee break
- 15.15 - 17.00 **“Kirab” (Parade of Culture)**
- 19.30 Dinner hosted by Hon. Dr. Marzuki Alie, Speaker of the Indonesian House of Representatives
Venue: (TBC)

Thursday, 29 September 2011

- 07.00 – 08.30 Breakfast
Venue: Narendra Restaurant, Lobby Level, Sunan Hotel
- 09.00 – 10.45 **APA Conference (Continued)**
- Adoption of the Agenda and Election of the Bureau
 - Remarks by Hon. Dr. Muhammad Hidayat Nur Wahid, Chairman of the Conference
 - General Debate

- 10.45 – 11.00 - Coffee break
- 11.00 – 13.00 - General Debate (Continued)
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
Venue: Narendra Restaurant, Lobby Level, Sunan Hotel
- 14.00 – 16.00 **APA Conference (Continued)**
 - General Debate
- 16.00 - 16.15 - Coffee break
- 16.15 – 17.00 **Continuation**
 - Consideration of Recommendation of the Conference
 - Closing
- 19.30 Dinner hosted by Hon. Mr. Joko Widodo, Mayor of Surakarta
Venue: (TBC)

Friday, 30 September 2011

- 07.00 – 08.30 Breakfast
Venue: Narendra Restaurant, Lobby Level, Sunan Hotel
- Departure of Delegates