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**Paper for the House Committee meeting  
on 4 July 2014**

**Proposed duty visit to Singapore by the Panel on Transport**

**Purpose**

This paper seeks the permission of the House Committee for the Panel on Transport ("the Panel") to conduct a duty visit to Singapore to study the country's experience in development and provision of public transport facilities and traffic control measures.

**Background**

2. While Government has been expanding the road and railway transport infrastructure to cope with the increasing travel demand, there is a pressing need to find ways to maximize the capacity and to enhance the performance of the existing transport system. To this end, effective transport management using the latest information technology is essential for the orderly and safe operation of the transport system.

3. Singapore has pioneered the use of advanced technology to manage its expressways and tunnels. Its centralized Intelligent Transport Systems collect and disseminate real-time traffic information to guide motorists to reach their destinations most efficiently. Also, Singapore is the first city in the world to make use of Electronic Road Pricing system to regulate traffic in its central business district.

4. In public transit, Singapore has installed a number of air-conditioned and user-friendly integrated transport hubs in order to encourage the use of public transportation. It has also rolled out an intelligent bus management system that not only provides bus operators an integrated platform for better fleet management, but also gives commuters real-time bus arrival information.

5. In addition, Singapore has deployed a fully automated train control system that obviates the need for an on-board driver. At present, there are three Mass Rapid Transit ("MRT") lines, namely the North East Line, the Circle Line and the Downtown Line that are operating fully automatically.

6. The Panel decided to embark on the duty visit to Singapore, in order to gain first-hand information about the traffic management measures that can be of good reference for Hong Kong. Besides, it will be worthwhile to learn from Singapore's experience in the development and operation of a number of heavy and light rail systems, particularly in view of the imminent announcement by the Administration of the railway development blueprint beyond 2020.

### **Objectives of the proposed duty visit**

7. The objectives of the proposed duty visit are :

- (a) to study the experience of Singapore Government and to obtain first-hand information on the relevant policies and initiatives in the development and provision of public transport facilities and traffic management measures;
- (b) to study and observe the application of Information Technology in traffic management; and
- (c) to study and observe the operation and management of the fully automatic, driverless MRT system in Singapore as well as the development and operation of the Light Rail Transit system.

### **The tentative visit programme**

8. The visit is scheduled for 23 to 26 September 2014, subject to confirmation of the receiving organizations. The tentative visit programme is at **Appendix I**. The detailed programme is being drawn up with the assistance of the Consulate-General of the Republic of Singapore in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office in Singapore.

### **Participants of the visit**

9. Both Panel and non-Panel members have been invited to indicate interest in joining the visit. As at 3 July 2014, a total of seven Members have indicated interest in taking part in it. A list of the participants is at

## **Appendix II.**

### **Funding arrangements**

10. As approved by The Legislative Council Commission, each Member is provided with an overseas duty visit account ("ODV") of \$55,000 for the purpose of duty visits outside Hong Kong organized 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 one term in excess of the approved allocation has to be paid by the Member personally. If by the end of a term there are unused balances in Members' ODV accounts, the funds available will be used to pay those Members who have expended more than their allocation, in proportion to their excess qualifying expenditure. Members who have not served out their terms will not be entitled to such reimbursements.

11. A preliminary estimate of the expenditure (including airfare, hotel accommodation, meals, in-town travelling and sundry expenses) to be incurred by each participating Member for the proposed duty visit is about \$11,540 (for economy class air passage). If members choose to fly on Business Class, they have to bear the additional cost themselves. A breakdown of the estimated expenditure is in **Appendix III**. The actual expenditure will vary subject to the final visit programme, and the airfare and hotel room rates at the time of confirmation.

### **Advice sought**

12. Rule 22(v) of the House Rules provides that should any Panel consider it necessary to undertake any activities outside Hong Kong under the name of the Panel of the Council, the prior permission of the House Committee shall be sought.

13. The House Committee's permission is sought for the Panel to conduct the overseas duty visit as proposed.

**Panel on Transport  
Overseas duty visit to Singapore**

**Tentative programme  
from 23 September (Tuesday) to 26 September (Friday) 2014**

Day	Programme
23 September (Tuesday am)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Depart Hong Kong at about 9 am</li> <li>2. Arrive Singapore at about 1 pm</li> </ol>
23 September (Tuesday pm) to 26 September (Friday am)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To meet and exchange views with relevant officials of the Ministry of Transport of the Singapore Government and other Government bodies such as the Land Transport Authority involved in the planning and implementation of traffic management measures *</li> <li>2. To visit to the Singapore Parliament and meet with members of the relevant committee(s) *</li> <li>3. To visit the control centres of various traffic and transport systems such as the Electronic Road Pricing System, the Intelligent Route Information System, the automatically operated Mass Rapid Transit System and the Light Rail Transit System *</li> <li>4. Meeting with relevant Government officials to discuss the planning and provision of cycling facilities including cycling path networks *</li> <li>5. Visit to the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Singapore and receive briefing on the latest developments in Singapore and rest of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations</li> </ol>
26 September (Friday pm)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Depart Singapore at about 6:30 pm</li> <li>2. Arrive Hong Kong at about 10:30 pm</li> </ol>

\* Subject to confirmation by the Singapore Government and Singapore Parliament

**Panel on Transport  
Proposed duty visit to study transport-related issues**

**List of participants  
(as at 3 July 2014)**

Panel members

Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP  
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP  
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki  
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH  
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

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**Panel on Transport**  
**Proposed overseas duty visit**  
**Tentative estimate of expenditure**

**Proposed timing** : 23 to 26 September 2014

**Routing of visit** : Hong Kong / Singapore / Hong Kong

**Breakdown of expenses**

Items	Estimated expenses (per person) HK\$
1. Return air passage (including taxes and surcharges)  Hong Kong / Singapore / Hong Kong	<b>Economy Class</b>  3,664 <sup>(Note 1)</sup>
<b><i>Sub-total</i></b>	<b>3,664</b>
2. Hotel accommodation <i>(60% of the subsistence allowance <sup>(Note 2)</sup>)</i>  Singapore (3 nights)	   1,380 x 3
<b><i>Sub-total</i></b>	<b>4,140</b>
3. Meals and sundries <i>(35% of the subsistence allowance <sup>(Notes 2 and 3)</sup>)</i>  Singapore	   1,000 x 3
<b><i>Sub-total</i></b>	<b>3,000</b>
4. Travel insurance	<b>186</b>
<b>TOTAL (Items 1 to 4):</b>	<b>10,990</b>
5. Contingency 5%	<b>550</b>
<b>TOTAL (Items 1 to 5):</b>	<b>11,540</b>

**NOTE :**

1. Airfare quotation obtained in April 2014.
2. Subsistence allowance for the city:  
Singapore – SGD 579

3. As in-town transport will be provided by the Secretariat, the subsistence allowance payable is reduced by 5%. Other expenditure including hospitality, interpretation services and souvenirs will be charged against other votes of the Secretariat.
  
4. Exchange rates as at April 2014  
SGD1            =    HK\$6.15

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