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**Paper for the House Committee meeting
on 23 January 2015**

**Proposal of the Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee to conduct a
parliamentary visit to Germany in response to an invitation
from the German Government**

Purpose

This paper invites the House Committee to consider the recommendations of the Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee ("the Subcommittee") on sending a delegation of nine Members of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") on an invited visit to Germany in early March 2015 and the mechanism for selecting Members to join the delegation.

Background

2. Formed under the House Committee, the Subcommittee coordinates all parliamentary liaison activities between LegCo and other parliamentary organizations outside Hong Kong. In developing good relationship with parliamentary organizations, members of the Subcommittee participate, on a regular basis, in receiving parliamentarians and delegations visiting Hong Kong. The Subcommittee also makes recommendation to the House Committee on sending delegations of LegCo Members on visits outside Hong Kong and organizes such visits.

Invitation to visit Germany

3. On behalf of the German Government, the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Hong Kong has written to LegCo on

6 January 2015 inviting a delegation of LegCo Members to visit the Deutsche Bundestag, the Federal Parliament of Germany. As proposed by the German Government, the delegation may comprise up to nine Members and will visit Berlin and one federal state¹ from 1 to 6 March 2015. The programme of the visit includes meeting with the Committee for Scrutiny of Elections, Immunity and the Rules of Procedure, Council of Elders of the Bundestag, German-Chinese Parliamentary Group, Mediation Committee and the Federal Foreign Office. The programme of the visit will be conducted in English².

4. The German Government will cover all travel expenses, accommodation, transportation, travel insurance, meals and cultural programmes for the delegation.

Consideration of the invitation

5. The Subcommittee held a meeting on 15 January 2015 to discuss the above invitation and considered that such a visit is useful in establishing and reinforcing link with the German legislature, fostering better mutual understanding, keeping the Federal Parliament of Germany as well as community and business leaders abreast of the latest developments in Hong Kong, and sustaining their interest in Hong Kong affairs. The Subcommittee also considered the visit is worthwhile for Members to gain insight of the political and electoral system of Germany, as well as the functions and operation of its bicameral legislature.

6. After deliberation, the Subcommittee decided to recommend the acceptance of the invitation from the German Government and send a staff member of the LegCo Secretariat to accompany the delegation to assist in all official matters during the visit.

Financial arrangements

7. As the German Government will cover all travel expenses, accommodation, transportation, travel insurance, meals and cultural programmes for the delegation, the expenditure for the delegation will include mainly miscellaneous expenses for Members. A preliminary estimated expenditure for the visit is \$6,607 (\$734 for each of the nine

¹ The German Government will confirm the details later.

² The German Government will arrange a German-English translator to accompany the delegation during the visit.

participating Member)³. All expenses incurred by the staff member of the LegCo Secretariat will be charged to the Secretariat's account.

Selection mechanism

8. The Subcommittee has made reference to the mechanism for selecting Members to join LegCo delegations for visits organized by the Subcommittee in the current term. The Subcommittee proposes that the selection mechanism, which is endorsed by the House Committee on 30 May 2014, be adopted for deciding on how the nine places for the invited visit to Germany should be allocated. Details are as follows:

- (a) Members should be divided into five different groups, having regard to their affiliation and the number of Members in each group. The nine places should then be allocated among the five groups of Members on a pro-rata basis. Each group of Members should decide its own way to nominate the participating Member(s). Any untaken place(s) of one group should be re-allocated to interested Members who were not selected in other groups by drawing lots; and
- (b) either the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee should be a member of the delegation, if she so wishes. In case both the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee are interested in joining the delegation, the one who is not nominated to take the place in their group may re-join the group to which she originally belongs, and be considered for nomination together with other Members in that group.

9. The proposed allocation of the nine places among different groups of Members for the invited visit to Germany is in **Appendix**.

Advice sought

10. The House Committee is invited to endorse the recommendations of the Subcommittee to:

³ The expenses will be charged to the account for the Subcommittee which is separated from the Overseas Duty Visit accounts provided to individual Members,

- (a) accept the invitation of the German Government to visit Germany from 1 to 6 March 2015 (paragraphs 3 to 6 above); and
- (b) adopt the mechanism for selecting Members to join the delegation (paragraphs 8 and 9 above).

Subject to the House Committee's endorsement, the Secretariat will issue a circular to Members inviting them to make nominations among each group for the invited visit.

Council Business Division 4
Legislative Council Secretariat
22 January 2015

**Proposed allocation of nine places among different groups of Members
for the invited visit to Germany
from 1 to 6 March 2015**

<u>Group</u>	<u>Members' grouping</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>No. of place(s) to be allocated@</u>
A	Chairman/Deputy Chairman of Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee	1. Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing* 2. Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan*	1
B	Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong (excluding Hon Jasper TSANG)	1. Hon CHAN Kam-lam 2. Hon TAM Yiu-chung 3. Hon WONG Ting-kwong 4. Hon Starry LEE Wai-king# 5. Hon CHAN Hak-kan 6. Hon IP Kwok-him 7. Hon Steven HO Chun-yin 8. Hon CHAN Han-pan 9. Hon LEUNG Che-cheung 10. Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT 11. Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan 12. Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun#	2
	Liberal Party	13. Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan 14. Hon Vincent FANG Kang 15. Hon James TIEN Pei-chun# 16. Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming 17. Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan	
C	Business and Professionals Alliance for Hong Kong	1. Hon LAU Wong-fat 2. Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him 3. Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung 4. Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen 5. Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun 6. Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung 7. Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok#	2

<u>Group</u>	<u>Members' grouping</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>No. of place(s) to be allocated@</u>
	Political affiliation undeclared/ Independents	8. Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long 9. Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai 10. Hon CHAN Kin-por 11. Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau 12. Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun 13. Hon NG Leung-sing 14. Hon YIU Si-wing 15. Hon IP Kin-yuen# 16. Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong 17. Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen#	
	The Federation of Hong Kong and Kowloon Labour Unions	18. Hon POON Siu-ping	
D	Democratic Party	1. Hon Albert HO Chun-yan 2. Hon James TO Kun-sun# 3. Hon WU Chi-wai 4. Hon SIN Chung-kai 5. Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan	3
	Civic Party	6. Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah# 7. Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit 8. Hon Claudia MO 9. Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok 10. Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki 11. Hon Dennis KWOK#	
	Labour Party	12. Hon LEE Cheuk-yan 13. Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che 14. Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung#	
	People Power	15. Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip 16. Hon CHAN Chi-chuen	
	The Professional Commons	17. Hon Charles Peter MOK 18. Hon Kenneth LEUNG	

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	Neighbourhood and Workers' Service Centre	19. Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung	
	Hong Kong Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood	20. Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee	
	League of Social Democrats	21. Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung	
	Neo Democrats	22. Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai	
	Political affiliation undeclared/ Independent	23. Hon WONG Yuk-man	
E	The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions	1. Hon WONG Kwok-hing 2. Hon WONG Kwok-kin 3. Hon CHAN Yuen-han 4. Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen 5. Hon KWOK Wai-keung 6. Hon TANG Ka-piu	1
	New People's Party	7. Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee 8. Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun	
	New Century Forum	9. Hon MA Fung-kwok	

Notes

- * If both the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman are interested in joining the delegation, the one who is not nominated to take the place in Group A may re-join the group to which she originally belongs (i.e. Group D), and be considered for nomination together with other Members in that group.
- @ Each group of Members should decide its own way to nominate the participating Member(s).
- # Member of the Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee