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**Panel on Development**

**Meeting on 28 February 2017**

**Rescheduling of the duty visit to the Dongjiang River Basin**

**Purpose**

This paper invites members to consider a proposal of the Administration on rescheduling the duty visit of the Panel on Development ("the Panel") to the Dongjiang ("DJ") River Basin from 19-20 February 2017 to 14-15 April 2017.

**Background**

2. At a special meeting of the Panel on 6 January 2017, members supported a proposal (LC Paper No. CB(1)419/16-17) on conducting a duty visit to the DJ River Basin from 19 to 20 February 2017<sup>1</sup> with the following objectives:

- (a) to obtain first-hand information on the measures taken by the Guangdong ("GD") Provincial authorities in safeguarding the quality of DJ water supplied to Hong Kong;
- (b) to observe the quality of DJ water at various points of the DJ-Shenzhen Water Supply System; and
- (c) to exchange views with the GD Provincial authorities on issues of mutual concern related to the supply of DJ water to Hong Kong.

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<sup>1</sup> These dates were proposed by the Administration in its letter circulated to Panel members on 22 December 2016 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)359/16-17(01).

3. Panel members also agreed that the duty visit be open to non-Panel Members.

4. At its meeting on 13 January 2017, the House Committee granted permission for the Panel to conduct the duty visit.<sup>2</sup> As at 26 January 2017, 18 Panel members (including the Deputy Chairman) and one non-Panel Member confirmed that they would join the duty visit.

### **Rescheduling of the duty visit**

5. On 27 January 2017, the Administration wrote to the Panel Clerk advising that the original schedule could not be met and proposing that the duty visit be deferred to 14-15 April 2017 (Friday and Saturday, both being public holidays).<sup>3</sup>

### Visit programme

6. The programme for the rescheduled duty visit as proposed by the Administration (in **Appendix I**) is the same as the visit programme agreed by the Panel on 6 January 2017.

### Participation

7. The Administration has indicated that about 10 officials from the Development Bureau and the Water Supplies Department will accompany Members during the duty visit to offer technical advice and assist in logistical arrangements. The expenses incurred by the government officials participating in the visit will be borne by the Administration.

### **Budget and funding arrangements**

8. An initial estimate of the expenditure for the duty visit (including transportation, hotel accommodation, meals, miscellaneous expenses, etc.) is

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<sup>2</sup> The relevant paper is LC Paper No. CB(1)419/16-17.

<sup>3</sup> The letter (LC Paper No. CB(1) 517/16-17(01)) (Chinese version only) was issued on 1 February 2017 (immediately after the Chinese New Year holidays) to all Panel members and Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT (the non-Panel Member who has confirmed that she will join the duty visit if it is held from 19 to 20 February).

about \$95,000.<sup>4</sup> A breakdown of the estimated expenditure is in **Appendix II**. It is the same as that submitted to the House Committee in January 2017. The amount to be charged to each participating Member's overseas duty visit ("ODV") account is estimated to be about \$3,100. The actual expenditure is subject to the final number of participants, the final visit programme, transportation cost and hotel room rate at the time of confirmation.

9. As approved by The Legislative Council Commission, each Member is provided with an ODV account 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.

### **Advice sought**

10. Members are invited to advise: (a) whether the Panel should conduct a duty visit to the Dongjiang River Basin as rescheduled, i.e. from 14 to 15 April 2017; if yes, (b) whether all Panel members and non-Panel Members are to be invited to re-indicate whether they will join the visit.

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<sup>4</sup> The calculation is based on the assumption that 25 Members and 4 Secretariat staff members will join the duty visit.

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from 14 to 15 April 2017**

**Visit programme<sup>#</sup>**

Date	Time	Programme
14 April 2017 (Friday)	AM	Depart from the Legislative Council Complex at 7:00 am  Visit — ➤ A section of Dongjiang near Heyuan ➤ Xinfengjiang Reservoir
	PM	Visit— ➤ Dongjiang River Basin Water Quantity and Quality Monitoring and Control Centre
15 April 2017 (Saturday)	AM	Visit — ➤ Green Way in Huizhou ➤ Taiyuan Pumping Station
	PM	Arrive in Shenzhen  Visit — ➤ Work site of the Comprehensive Remediation Project for the Water Environment of the Shawan River Basin ➤ Wastewater Interception Schemes for Shawan River ➤ Bio-nitrification Plant at the Shenzhen Reservoir  Leave Shenzhen Reservoir for Hong Kong at 5:30 pm

<sup>#</sup> A detailed visit programme will be drawn up with the assistance of the Administration, subject to the confirmation of the receiving organizations.

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## Estimate of expenditure

Routing of visit: Hong Kong / Heyuan / Huizhou / Shenzhen / Hong Kong

## Breakdown of estimated expenses

Item	Expenditure chargeable to participating Members' Overseas Duty Visit Accounts (assuming 25 Members will join the duty visit) (HK\$)	Expenditure chargeable to the Secretariat's expenditure account (assuming four Secretariat staff members will join the duty visit) (HK\$)
1. Transportation (coach service)	15,500 (620 per person)	2,480 (620 per person)
2. Hotel accommodation in Huizhou (1 night) <i>60% of the subsistence allowance for Huizhou</i> <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	28,400 (1,136 per person)	4,544 (1,136 per person)
3. Meals and sundries <i>14.4.2017 – 35% of the subsistence allowance for Huizhou</i> <sup>(Note 2)</sup> <i>15.4.2017 – 20% of the subsistence allowance for Shenzhen</i> <sup>(Note 3)</sup>	31,150 (1,246 per person)	4,984 (1,246 per person)
4. Travel insurance	2,500 (100 per person)	400 (100 per person)

<b>Item</b>	<b>Expenditure chargeable to participating Members' Overseas Duty Visit Accounts</b> (assuming 25 Members will join the duty visit) <b>(HK\$)</b>	<b>Expenditure chargeable to the Secretariat's expenditure account</b> (assuming four Secretariat staff members will join the duty visit) <b>(HK\$)</b>
5. Miscellaneous supporting services (e.g. souvenirs, en route online/telephone communications for staff)	—	4,000
6. Contingency	—	1,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	77,550 <i>(Note 4)</i>	17,408
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>94,908(say 95,000)</b>

NOTES:

1. Subsistence allowance for Huizhou: RMB1,646 per night per person (Exchange rate as at early January 2017: RMB1 = HK\$1.15)
2. As transportation in the Mainland will be arranged by the Secretariat or the Administration, the subsistence allowance payable is reduced by 5%.
3. Subsistence allowance for Shenzhen: RMB2,536 per night per person
4. Each participating Member will share about \$3,100 of the total expenditure. The amount will be charged to individual Members' Overseas Duty Visit accounts.
5. The actual expenditure is subject to the final number of participants, the visit programme, transportation cost and hotel room rate at the time of confirmation.