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Proposed Joint-Panel Duty Visit to the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area from 20 to 22 April 2018

**by the Panel on Economic Development, Panel on Financial Affairs,
Panel on Commerce and Industry, and Panel on Information Technology
and Broadcasting**

Purpose

This paper seeks the permission of the House Committee for the Panel on Economic Development ("EDev Panel"), Panel on Financial Affairs ("FA Panel"), Panel on Commerce and Industry ("CI Panel"), and Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting ("ITB Panel") to conduct a joint-Panel duty visit to the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area ("the Bay Area") to better understand the Bay Area development.

Background

2. On 1 July 2017, the governments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, and the National Development and Reform Commission, witnessed by President Xi Jinping, signed the Framework Agreement on Deepening Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cooperation in the Development of the Bay Area. The Bay Area includes nine municipalities in Guangdong (Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Foshan, Huizhou, Dongguan, Zhongshan, Jiangmen and Zhaoqing) and two Special Administrative Regions (Hong Kong and Macao).

3. In October 2017, the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") stated in the Policy Address that the drafting of the development plan for a city cluster in the Bay Area ("the Plan") was basically completed. The Plan will provide a blueprint for building a world-class city cluster through complementary co-operation among the three places. The HKSAR Government will actively participate in taking forward the development of the Bay Area, so as to create favourable conditions for

diversifying Hong Kong's industries, in particular for promoting innovation and technology ("I&T") development. Moreover, the Government will seek further facilitation measures for Hong Kong people to study, work, and start up and operate business, live and retire in the Bay Area and thereby facilitating the flow of people, goods, capital and information between Hong Kong and other cities in the Bay Area and making it a quality living circle for Hong Kong people.

4. According to the Budget Speech delivered by the Financial Secretary on 28 February 2018, the Bay Area development is of strategic significance to Hong Kong in three key aspects, namely, "two markets", "I&T industries" and "land resources". With a population of 68 million and Gross Domestic Product amounting to US\$1,400 billion, the Bay Area is an enormous market for Hong Kong's financial and high-end services industries. As Hong Kong is the most cosmopolitan city offering the best professional services in the region, enterprises in Hong Kong and those in the Mainland may join forces in tapping new markets. The Bay Area covers not only Shenzhen which houses many leading I&T enterprises, but also a large number of cities transforming towards an advanced manufacturing economy. As such, the Bay Area and Hong Kong can complement each other in the field of I&T industries, thereby creating an international I&T hub where talent, research and development institutes and enterprises cluster. Furthermore, the Bay Area has abundant room for development as well as rich land resources. Upon the completion and commissioning of various transport infrastructure projects, travel within the Bay Area will be very convenient. With policy breakthroughs, it would offer more convenience to Hong Kong people who operate business, study, work and live in the Bay Area.

Proposed joint-Panel duty visit

5. In view of the strategic significance of the Bay Area development to Hong Kong, EDev Panel and FA Panel agreed to explore the possibility of organizing a joint-Panel visit to the Bay Area on 12 October 2017, so as to better understand the economic and financial initiatives brought by the Bay Area development. Subsequently, CI Panel and ITB Panel indicated that they would also like to take part in the visit on 19 December 2017 and 12 February 2018 respectively. Based on the views and suggestions expressed by members of EDev Panel, FA Panel and CI Panel, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau ("CMAB") has been requested to draw up a tentative programme for members' consideration.

6. A joint meeting of the four Panels was held on 1 March 2018 to discuss the tentative programme proposed by CMAB (**Appendix I**). Members agreed that the four Panels would visit five cities in the Bay Area,

namely Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Foshan, Dongguan and Zhongshan from 20 to 22 April 2018 (Friday to Sunday). Members noted that the itinerary in **Appendix I** might be fine-tuned upon further liaison with the Mainland authorities/organizations.

Participants of the visit

7. At the joint meeting of the four Panels on 1 March 2018, members agreed that the Chairman of EDev Panel, Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, would be the leader of the delegation. Members also agreed that the visit be open to non-Panel Members for participation, and that the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development as well as the Secretary for Innovation and Technology be invited to join the visit to exchange views and facilitate future follow-up.

8. As at 21 March 2018, a total of 35 Members (including 27 Panel members and 8 non-Panel Members) have indicated interest in joining the visit. A list of participants is in **Appendix II**.

Funding arrangements

9. As approved by The Legislative Council Commission, each Member is provided with an overseas duty visit ("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 in excess of the approved allocation has to be paid initially by the Member personally. However, if there are unused balances in other Members' ODV accounts at the end of the term, the funds available will be used to reimburse those Members who have expended more than their allocation, in proportion to their excess qualifying expenditure.

10. An initial estimate of the expenditure for the visit (including transportation, hotel accommodation, meals, miscellaneous expenses, etc.) is about \$218,000.¹ A breakdown of the estimated expenditure is in **Appendix III**. The amount to be charged to each participating Member's ODV account is estimated to be about \$6,230. 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. The Legislative Council Secretariat will bear the cost of accompanying staff for the visit.

¹ The calculation is based on the assumption that 35 Members will join the duty visit.

11. The expenses incurred by the Government officials participating in the visit will be borne by the Administration.

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 four Panels to conduct the joint-Panel duty visit as proposed in the foregoing paragraphs.

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Tentative visit programme
 (as at 28 February 2018)

Friday 20 April

	Programme	Remarks
Morning	Travel to Shenzhen	
	Visit Huawei's Headquarters at Bantian (Around 45 minutes)	Briefing on latest developments in the Internet of Things ("IoT") and smart city technologies
Midday	Meet with the Shenzhen Municipal Government to understand Shenzhen's development and its role in the development of the Bay Area (Around 1 hour 30 minutes)	
Afternoon	Smart city management in Shenzhen (traffic monitoring centre) (Around 45 minutes)	Briefing on the application of big data and smart city technologies in Shenzhen
	WeBank online bank (Around 30 minutes)	WeBank is the first online-only bank in the Mainland. Briefing on the unique role of online-only banks and the application of information technology
	Travel to Dongguan	

	Programme	Remarks
Evening	Meet with the Dongguan Municipal Government to understand Dongguan's development and its role in the development of the Bay Area (Around 1 hour 30 minutes)	
	Overnight stay in Dongguan	

Saturday 21 April

	Programme	Remarks
Morning	Travel to Dongguan Songshan Lake National High-tech Industrial Development Zone	Briefing by the Dongguan Municipal Government (on the bus) on the development of high-tech industries at Songshan Lake
	Visit Dongguan Songshan Lake National High-tech Industrial Development Zone and the China Spallation Neutron Source facility (within the Dongguan Songshan Lake National High-tech Industrial Development Zone) (Around 1 hour 15 minutes)	The China Spallation Neutron Source is a high-tech scientific research facility. It is one of the four such facilities around the world and the only one in the country
	Travel to Zhongshan's Cuiheng New Area via the Humen Bridge	Experience the traffic conditions on the only road across the Pearl River estuary at present

	Programme	Remarks
Midday	<p>Meet with the Zhongshan Municipal Government to understand the development of Zhongshan (including Cuiheng New Area) and its roles in the development of the Bay Area</p> <p>(Around 1 hour 30 minutes)</p>	
Afternoon	<p>Visit the Shenzhen-Zhongshan Bridge (the fourth road across the Pearl River estuary which is under construction)</p> <p>(Around 45 minutes)</p>	Briefing on the road network linking the Zhongshan landing site (inside the Cuiheng New Area) of the Shenzhen-Zhongshan Bridge, and the development plan of Cuiheng New Area.
	<p>Visit the Qingsheng transportation hub in Guangzhou's Nansha district, and look out to the Second Humen Bridge (the third road across the Pearl River estuary which is targeted to be completed in 2019)</p> <p>(Around 30 minutes)</p>	Observe on the platform the speed of high-speed train, briefing on the road and rail networks linking the eastern and western shores of Pearl River
	Travel to Foshan	
	<p>Visit Foshan's Sanshan New City</p> <p>(Around 45 minutes)</p>	A creative technology platform for the development of high-tech technology and cultural and creative industries
Evening	<p>Meet with the Foshan Municipal Government to understand Foshan's development and its role in the development of the Bay Area</p> <p>(Around 1 hour 30 minutes)</p>	

	Programme	Remarks
Evening	Visit Foshan Lingnan Tiandi (Around 1 hour)	A cultural heritage preservation and old town revitalization project
	Overnight stay in Foshan	

Sunday 22 April

	Programme	Remarks
Morning	Travel to Guangzhou	
	Visit the Canton Tower to understand the urban planning of Guangzhou (Around 45 minutes)	Briefing on Guangzhou's role in the development of the Bay Area and its urban planning, such as the new central axis, modern services cluster, International Financial City, Canton Fair Complex, Huangpu New Area
	Visit iFlytek (Around 45 minutes)	A leading enterprise in artificial intelligence
Midday	Meet with the Guangdong Provincial Government to understand Guangdong's development and its role in the development of the Bay Area (Around 1 hour 30 minutes)	
Afternoon	Visit cultural landmarks in the Zhujiang New Town (Around 1 hour)	Including: Guangdong Museum, Guangzhou Opera House, Guangzhou Library

	Programme	Remarks
Afternoon	Visit Guangzhou South Railway Station (hub connecting the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link to the national high-speed railway network) (Around 1 hour)	Briefing on the high-speed rail network and ticket machines in the Station, etc.
	Travel to Shenzhen's Futian Station by high-speed rail, and from Futian Station to Huanggang Port by car	Experience the 300km/h speed of high-speed train on board (Futian Station is the hub for high-speed rail service connecting the city centre of Shenzhen)
Evening	Return to Hong Kong	

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List of participants
(as at 21 March 2018)

Panel members

Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
(Delegation leader cum Chairman of Panel on Economic Development)

Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
(Chairman of Panel on Commerce and Industry)

Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
(Chairman of Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting)

Hon Kenneth LEUNG
(Chairman of Panel on Financial Affairs)

Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP
(Deputy Chairman of Panel on Financial Affairs)

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
(Deputy Chairman of Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting)

Hon Alvin YEUNG
(Deputy Chairman of Panel on Economic Development)

Hon SHIU Ka-fai
(Deputy Chairman of Panel on Commerce and Industry)

Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP

Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP

Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP

Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP

Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS

Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS

Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP

Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang

Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP

Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin

Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, JP

Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Hon YUNG Hoi-yan

Hon CHAN Chun-ying

Hon HUI Chi-fung

Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH

Non-Panel Members

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP

Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

Hon IP Kin-yuen

Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH

Hon HO Kai-ming

Hon LAM Cheuk-ting

Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP

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Estimate of expenditure for Members

Routing of visit: Hong Kong / Shenzhen / Dongguan / Zhongshan / Foshan / Guangzhou / Shenzhen / Hong Kong

Breakdown of estimated expenditure

Item	Expenditure chargeable to participating Members' Overseas Duty Visit Accounts (assuming 35 Members joining the duty visit) (HK\$)
1. Transportation (cross-boundary coach and high-speed rail)	38,850
2. Hotel accommodation ^(Note 1) (a) Dongguan (20 April 2018) (60% of the subsistence allowance) (b) Foshan (21 April 2018) (60% of the subsistence allowance)	87,920 (2,512 per person)
3. Meals and sundries ^(Note 2) (a) Dongguan (20 April 2018) (35% of the subsistence allowance) (b) Foshan (21 April 2018) (35% of the subsistence allowance) (c) Guangzhou (22 April 2018) (15% of the subsistence allowance)	69,055 (1,973 per person)

Item	Expenditure chargeable to participating Members' Overseas Duty Visit Accounts (assuming 35 Members joining the duty visit) (HK\$)
4. Travel insurance	3,500 (100 per person)
5. Miscellaneous supporting services (tour guiding equipment)	18,550 (530 per person)
TOTAL	217,875 ^(Note 3) (6,225 per person)

NOTES:

1. Subsistence allowance for visiting the following cities (up to 31 March 2018):
Dongguan RMB1,674
Foshan RMB1,674
Guangzhou RMB2,715
Exchange rate as at March 2018: RMB1 = HK\$1.25
2. As transportation in the Mainland will be arranged by the Secretariat or the Administration, the subsistence allowance payable is reduced by 5% (i.e. 35% of the subsistence allowance) for the first two days. For the departure day, reimbursement of actual expenses can be claimed for meals and sundries, which is budgeted at 15% of the subsistence allowance. The subsistence allowance payable to each participating Member in Dongguan, Foshan and Guangzhou is HK\$732, HK\$732 and HK\$509 respectively.
3. Each participating Member will share about \$6,230 of the total expenditure. The amount will be charged to individual Members' Overseas Duty Visit accounts.
4. 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.