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**Subcommittee on Travel Industry Ordinance
(Commencement) Notice 2019**

**Minutes of the first meeting held on
Friday, 25 October 2019, at 10:45 am
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

Members present : Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS (Chairman)
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon Alvin YEUNG
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding
Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP
Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP

Public Officers attending : Agenda item II
Commerce and Economic Development Bureau

Miss Katharine CHOI
Deputy Commissioner for Tourism

Miss Carol OR
Assistant Commissioner for Tourism (1)

Mr Nicky NG
Senior Administrative Officer (Tourism) 1

Department of Justice

Mr Jonathan LUK
Senior Government Counsel

Clerk in attendance : Ms Shirley CHAN
Chief Council Secretary (4)5

Staff in attendance : Mr Mark LAM
Assistant Legal Adviser 7

Ms Shirley TAM
Senior Council Secretary (4)5

Ms Lauren LI
Council Secretary (4)5

Ms Zoe TONG
Legislative Assistant (4)5

Miss Mandy LUI
Clerical Assistant (4)5

Action

I. Election of Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr WONG Ting-kwong, the member of the highest precedence among those present at the meeting, presided over the election of Chairman. He invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Subcommittee.

2. Mr CHAN Chun-ying nominated Mr YIU Si-wing and the nomination was seconded by Mr MA Fung-kwok. Mr YIU Si-wing accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr YIU was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee. Mr YIU then took the chair.

3. Members agreed there was no need to elect a Deputy Chairman.

II. Meeting with the Administration

[L.N. 93 of 2019, LC Paper Nos. LS82/18-19, CB(4)236/18-19 and Travel Industry Ordinance (Cap. 634)]

Declaration of interests

4. The Chairman declared that he was the Chairman of a travel agent and adviser of several tourism-related associations.

Discussion

5. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Follow-up actions to be taken by the Administration

6. The Administration was requested to provide a written response in respect of the following issues –

- (a) support measures to help the tourism trade tide over the difficulties amid a significant drop of visitor arrivals due to recent social incidents;
- (b) impact of declining inbound visitors and outbound travellers on the financial arrangements of the Travel Industry Authority ("TIA") and the counter measures to be adopted by the Administration to avoid a significant increase in TIA levies or licence fees; and
- (c) latest progress and timeline for TIA to commence full operation.

(Post-meeting note: The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)46/19-20(02) on 28 October 2019.)

III. Any other business

Invitation of deputations' views

7. Members considered it not necessary for the Subcommittee to invite public views on the subsidiary legislation.

Action

Legislative timetable

8. The Chairman concluded that the Subcommittee had completed the scrutiny of the subsidiary legislation and would not propose any amendments to the subsidiary legislation.

9. The Subcommittee noted that the scrutiny period of the subsidiary legislation will expire on 13 November 2019. The deadline for giving notices of amendments to the subsidiary legislation would be 6 November 2019.

(Post-meeting note: The report of the Subcommittee was issued to members of the House Committee vide LC Paper No. CB(4)78/19-20 on 4 November 2019.)

10. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:02 pm.

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Legislative Council Secretariat
26 November 2019

**Proceedings of the first meeting of
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| Time marker | Speaker | Subject(s) | Action required |
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| Agenda item I – Election of Chairman | | | |
| 000343 – 000542 | Mr WONG Ting-kwong Mr CHAN Chun-ying Mr YIU Si-wing | Election of Chairman | |
| Agenda item II – Meeting with the Administration | | | |
| 000543 – 000646 | Chairman | Declaration of interests | |
| 000647 – 000832 | Chairman Administration | Briefing by the Administration on the Travel Industry Ordinance (Commencement) Notice 2019 | |
| 000833 – 001324 | Chairman Ms Starr LEE Administration | Discussion on progress of the establishment of the Travel Industry Authority ("TIA") for full operation | |
| 001325 – 002223 | Chairman Administration | Meeting suspension | |
| 002224 – 002722 | Chairman Ms Starr LEE Administration | Discussion on measures to help the tourism trade tide over the difficulties arising from recent drop in numbers of inbound visitors and outbound travellers | |
| 002723 – 003316 | Chairman Mr WONG Ting-kwong Administration | Discussion on financial arrangements of TIA should the current situation persist | |
| 003317 – 003914 | Chairman Mr LUK Chung-hung Administration | Discussion on measures to sustain job opportunities for frontline workers of the tourism trade during the downturn of inbound tourism Mr LUK Chung-hung suggested that TIA should review the existing directive of the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong on work insurance for self-employed tourist guides and tour escorts. | |
| 003915 – 004454 | Chairman Mr Holden CHOW Administration | Discussion on the Travel Industry Development Fund to be set up by TIA and support measures to help the tourism trade cope with the current challenges | |
| 004455 – 005326 | Chairman Mr WU Chi-wai Administration | Discussion on developing a diversified portfolio of visitor source markets and promoting cultural tourism | |

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| 005327 – 005920 | Chairman Mr Charles Peter MOK Administration | Discussion on promoting digital transformation of the tourism industry Mr Charles Peter MOK suggested involving individuals with such knowledge in TIA's work. | |
| 005921 – 010603 | Chairman Administration | Discussion on measures to reduce the operating costs of travel agents The Chairman requested the Administration to provide written response on support measures for tourism trade, financial arrangements of TIA and timeline for TIA to commence full operation. | Administration to follow up as per paragraph 6 of the minutes |
| 010604 – 011952 | Chairman Mr WU Chi-wai Mr Charles Peter MOK Administration | Discussion on future tourism development | |
| Agenda item III – Any other business | | | |
| 011953 – 012116 | Chairman | Invitation of views Completion of scrutiny of the subsidiary legislation Legislative timetable Closing remarks | |