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**Meeting of Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene  
on 8 November 2005**

**Proposal to undertake a duty visit to Guangdong Province**

**Purpose**

Members' views are sought on a proposal for the Panel to undertake a duty visit to Guangdong Province.

**The proposed visit**

2. The Panel Chairman, in consultation with some Panel members, has suggested that the Panel conduct a visit to some poultry and fish farms as well as a meat processing plant in Guangdong Province. The purpose of the visit is to enable Panel members to better understand the regulation and operation of the farms and plants which supply food to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

3. It is proposed that the scope of the visit will include -

- (a) Regulation and procedures for supply of food to HKSAR;
- (b) Inspection and quarantine requirements; and
- (c) Hygiene requirements and examination of food.

4. The visit will last for two days from 4 to 5 January 2006. The assistance of the Food, Health and Welfare Bureau and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong will be sought in making the visit arrangements.

### **Funding arrangements**

5. As approved by The Legislative Council Commission, each Member (except the President) is provided with an overseas duty visit account (ODV account) of \$55,000 for the 2004-2008 term, for the purpose of duty visits outside Hong Kong organised by committees (other than the Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee) of the Council. Any expenditure incurred in the 2004-2008 term in excess of \$55,000 has to be paid by the Member personally.

6. A tentative estimate of the expenditure for the visit is in the **Appendix**.

### **The way forward**

7. Subject to members' agreement to the proposed visit, the Secretariat will proceed with the preparatory work. A paper will be provided to the House Committee to seek permission under House Rule 22(u) for the Panel to undertake the visit in Guangdong Province.

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**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene**

**Estimated budget for the duty visit to Guangdong Province of Mainland China  
in January 2006**

- Duration of visit** : 4 to 5 January 2006
- Size of delegation** : (A circular will be issued to invite Members to join the duty visit.)

**Estimated budget**

Items	Estimated expenses HK\$ (per person)
1. Hired coach	
(a) Hong Kong / Huanggang / Hong Kong	2,200 per coach per journey (coach for 45 persons)
* (b) within Guangdong Province	6,300 per day (coach for 45 persons)
2. Hotel accommodation (1 night)	700
3. Subsistence allowance (1 night) plus actual expenditure on the day of departure	1,000
4. Travel insurance	150

**NOTE :**

- \* Group transport costs (Item 1(b)), and other expenditure including hospitality, interpretation service and souvenirs will be charged against other votes of the Secretariat.