立法會 Legislative Council

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Paper for the House Committee meeting on 21 March 2014

Proposed visit of Legislative Council Members to Shanghai

Purpose

This paper seeks Members' views on the programme and arrangements for the proposed visit to Shanghai by a Legislative Council ("LegCo") delegation to be led by the President.

Background

- 2. As informed by the Chief Executive ("CE") vide his letter dated 19 March 2014 to the President of LegCo¹, in the light of the wish expressed by LegCo Members to visit the Mainland, the Central Authorities has agreed that arrangements be made for all LegCo Members to visit Shanghai on 12 and 13 April 2014. The delegation will be led by the President of LegCo, and CE will join Members in Shanghai after attending the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2014. Furthermore, Mr WANG Guangya, the Director of Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, and Mr LI Fei, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress ("NPCSC") cum Chairman of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Basic Law Committee under NPCSC, will also meet with Members in Shanghai.
- 3. The CE's Office and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("Liaison Office") have set up a working group to undertake the necessary preparatory work. In the meantime, Members' views on the programme and arrangements for the visit are invited.

The said letter from CE to the President was issued to Members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1118/13-14 on 19 March 2014.

Relevant rule

4. According to rule 29A of the House Rules, approval of the House Committee is required for any visit proposed in response to an invitation and any visit which is to be led by the President or any Member and conducted under the name of the Council or any of its committee(s). Detailed arrangements for the proposed visit should also be discussed by the House Committee.

Tentative arrangements

Departure and return dates

5. The visit will take place on 12 and 13 April 2014 (Saturday and Sunday). Subject to Members' views and finalization of the visit programme, the tentative plan is for Members to depart for Shanghai by air after the meeting of the House Committee on Friday, 11 April 2014 and return to Hong Kong by air in the evening of Sunday, 13 April 2014.

Visit programme

- 6. Two groups of Members have written separately to the President to put forward their views on the visit programme. Their letters are at **Appendices I and II**. Their views are summarized as follows.
- 7. Forty-two Members suggest that the delegation be briefed by the relevant experts on the nation's latest developments and that visits be arranged to enhance Members' understanding of Shanghai's latest facilities and developments, including the Shanghai Free Trade Zone, the Shanghai Hongqiao Airport convention and exhibition centre and its surrounding areas, Shanghai's latest waste incineration and gasification facilities, the development of Shanghai's cultural and creative industries and its cultural facilities.
- 8. Regarding the mode of discussions on Hong Kong's political reform, these 42 Members are of the view that the delegation may meet with the Central Government officials in one group or in separate groups.
- 9. Another 20 Members have requested that:
 - (a) the visit programme should first deal with the issue of Hong Kong's political reform;

- (b) the pan-democratic Members should meet separately with the principal Central Government officials in charge of Hong Kong's political reform and there should be sufficient time for discussion; and
- (c) there should be open, interactive and in-depth discussion on the political reform proposals put forward by the democrats.

Financial arrangements

10. In accordance with the mechanism for handling Members' visits outside Hong Kong in response to invitations as set out in rule 29A of and Appendix VI to the House Rules and subject to the House Committee's endorsement, expenditure for the proposed visit to Shanghai will be charged to individual Members' Overseas Duty Visit account. A tentative estimate of the expenditure for the proposed visit will be submitted for Members' reference after the visit programme has been finalized.

Advice sought

11. Members are invited to give views on the programme and arrangements for the visit, which will be relayed to the CE's Office and the Liaison Office. Members will be further consulted when detailed arrangements for the visit have been drawn up.

Council Business Division 2
<u>Legislative Council Secretariat</u>
20 March 2014

致:香港特別行政區立法會主席

曾鈺成議員

有關 4 月 12 日及 13 日全體立法會議員訪滬安排的意見

主席閣下 正就全體立法會議員於 4 月 12 至 13 日到上海訪問徵詢議員意見,我們經商議後,對訪滬安排有如下意見:

- 1. 爲配合議員日程的安排,建議可讓議員選擇4月11日(星期五)晚上或4月12日(星期六)早上,分批出發往上海;
- 2. 歡迎國務院港澳事務辦公室主任王光亞先生及全國人大常委會香港特別行政區基本法委員會主任李飛先生,與訪問團舉行座談,討論香港政改問題;
- 3. 座談模式除與全體立法會議員一齊進行外,也可以不同組合,分別與中央官員就政改事官,交換意見;
- 4. 建議安排研習活動,以聽取專家就國家發展的最新情況,參觀了解上海最新建設及發展,包括上海自貿區的發展、上海虹橋機場會展中心及周邊地區的發展、上海最新的廢物焚化及氣化處理設施、上海文化創業產業及文化設施的發展等,有關活動可以分組形式舉行,讓議員自行選擇。

切盼 主席閣下就上述意見與行政長官及中央政府溝通,早日作出安排。謹致謝意,並祝

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致立法會曾鈺成主席:

對於立法會議員前往上海訪問,我們認為此行重點是讓泛民主派 議員與中央政府就香港的政制改革問題作出深入及有意義的討論,因 此,我們要求:

- 1) 行程先處理政改議題
- 2) 讓泛民主派議員有足夠時間獨立地與中央政府負責政改的主要官員會面
- 3) 對民主派提出的政改方案能有開放、互動及深入的討論

我們會在收到回覆後再決定是否參與上海訪問。

立法會議員

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