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NOTE :

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Member will ask the question in this language

Issues relevant to the recent cases of persons missing

(4) Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai (Oral reply)

Earlier on, five shareholders or employees of Causeway Bay Books were reported missing one after another, which has aroused wide public concern. It has been reported that the wife of one of the missing persons received consecutively two calls (the displayed caller number being a Shenzhen phone number) and a video footage from that missing person to assure her of his safety, and an associate of the bookstore received a handwritten fax from that missing person, disclosing that he had “returned to the Mainland using his own way to work with the authorities concerned in an investigation”. Moreover, when commenting on the way through which that missing person entered the Mainland, the editorial of a mainland newspaper pointed out that “powerful agencies across the world generally have their own ways to circumvent the law and make a person under investigation work with them, so that they can proceed with their work without crossing the bottom line of the system”. Also, a Member of this Council quoted a message from his friend saying that the five missing persons illegally entered the Mainland one after another to visit prostitutes and were arrested by public security authorities. Such remarks have sparked strong repercussions. The aforesaid cases have aroused concerns about whether the “one country, two systems” has been weakened, the way the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“SAR”) Government handles cases of Hong Kong residents reported missing, whether some persons have left Hong Kong by ways which circumvented the laws, whether mainland law enforcement officers have crossed the boundary to take law enforcement actions in Hong Kong, and whether the Government has assisted them in conducting investigations in Hong Kong. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) of the number of Hong Kong residents found after they had been reported missing, their conditions when they were found (i.e. whether they were alive or dead), the number of those who have not yet been found, the number of Hong Kong residents intercepted by law enforcement departments when they were trying to leave the territory illegally, and whether it knows the number of persons who successfully left the territory illegally, since the reunification;
- (2) whether it knows, since the reunification, if any government officials and officers of law enforcement departments of the Mainland conducted investigations in Hong Kong into criminal offences, commercial crimes, cases of persons missing, etc., and whether the SAR Government has provided assistance to them; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that; and
- (3) whether the SAR Government has sought, since the reunification, assistance from the mainland authorities to locate missing Hong Kong residents and the number of those who were found on the Mainland; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?

Tourism promotion projects and programmes

(5) Hon YIU Si-wing (Oral reply)

According to the latest statistics, the total, mainland and non-mainland visitor arrivals last year decreased by 2.5%, 2.9% and 1.2% respectively as compared with those of the year before, and the decrease in the second half of last year was higher than that in the first half. The business income of tourism-related industries, including the retail, catering and hotel industries, as well as tourist attractions has dropped significantly. Some members of the industries envisage that there is little sign of optimism this year. The Chief Executive has stated in the 2016 Policy Address that “[t]o move our tourism industry up the value chain, the Government will highlight the unique and diversified experiences Hong Kong offers and showcase our gourmet culture. It will also promote cultural and creative tourism, organize mega events, and draw more conventions and exhibitions to Hong Kong”. However, the tourism promotion projects put forward in a paper submitted by the authorities to the Panel on Economic Development of this Council are all ongoing projects, except the theme-based exhibition area featuring local comic characters to be set up at the Golden Bauhinia Square, “Lumières Hong Kong” to be funded by the Mega Events Fund, the “Big Station” due to open soon in the Central and Western District, and the FIA Formula E Championship to be held in October which are new ones. Members of the tourism industry are therefore of the view that these projects would be of little help in enhancing the market competitiveness of the tourism industry. Quite a number of members of the tourism industry have relayed to me their hope that to allay their concern, the Government will give a clear account of the specific contents of the various tourism promotion projects and programmes which will be launched within this year. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) whether it has formulated short, medium and long term targets and measures to move the tourism industry up the value chain; if it has, of the details; if not, the reasons for that;
- (2) apart from the aforesaid tourism promotion projects, of the details of the tourism promotion projects and programmes which will be launched by the Government within this year, including whether there are specific effectiveness indicators; if there are no indicators, of the reasons for that; and
- (3) given that tourism-related industries are facing hardship amid a business downturn, whether the authorities have plans to allocate more resources to help those industries and the practitioners concerned to tide over the difficult times; if they do, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?