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Proposal of the Panel on Security to nominate a Member to attend the Modern Slavery Project: Legislative Drafting Seminar organized by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, United Kingdom

Purpose

This paper seeks the approval of the House Committee ("HC") for the recommendation by the Panel on Security ("the Panel") to nominate Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan to attend the Modern Slavery Project: Legislative Drafting Seminar ("the Seminar") organized by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, United Kingdom ("CPA UK"). The Seminar will be held in London, UK from 26 to 29 March 2019.

The organizer and the Seminar

2. The invitation to the Seminar is from CPA UK which implements programmes to share knowledge and skills between parliamentarians and officials from across the Commonwealth. Its mission is to support and strengthen Commonwealth parliaments to deliver effective oversight, scrutiny and representation of their governments.

3. Since 2016, CPA UK has run the Modern Slavery Project to provide practical advice and support to Commonwealth legislatures seeking to combat modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour. The aim of the Seminar is to support parliamentarians and legislative drafters in the design, drafting and strengthening of modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour legislation. The Seminar will provide parliamentarians and legislative drafters with the skills and knowledge to develop effective modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour legislation. The invitation letter from CPA UK is in **Appendix I** (English version only).

Recommendation of the Panel

4. As the theme of Seminar falls within the terms of reference of the Panel, the President of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") referred the invitation from

CPA UK to the Panel for consideration of whether to accept it. At the Panel meeting on 29 January 2019, members agreed to accept the invitation and open the invitation to all LegCo Members, with priority given to Panel members.

5. All LegCo Members had been requested to indicate interest in participation. Members were also informed that participating Members would be requested to submit a report to HC after their return to Hong Kong. Hon CHUNG Kowk-pan (Panel member) has indicated interest in attending the Seminar. Members were subsequently informed that the Panel would nominate the above Member to attend the Seminar.

Funding arrangements

6. As approved by The Legislative Council Commission, each Member is provided with an overseas duty visit ("ODV") account of \$55,000 for duty visits outside Hong Kong for each LegCo term. Members may only use this ODV account for duty visits endorsed by HC. Any expenditure over the standard or the available balance in the ODV account has to be borne by the Members concerned.

7. A preliminary estimate of the expenditure (including airfare, hotel accommodation, meals, in-town travelling and sundry expenses) to be incurred by each participating Member for attending the Seminar is about \$33,700 for economy class air passage, \$49,500 for premium economy class air passage and \$71,500 for business class air passage. A breakdown of the estimated expenditure is in **Appendix II**. The actual expenditure will vary subject to the airfare and hotel room rates at the time of confirmation of booking.

Advice sought

8. Under rule 29A(d) of the House Rules, approval of HC is required for any visit conducted under the name of LegCo or its committees outside Hong Kong in response to an invitation and the funding of which is to be charged to individual Members' ODV accounts.

9. HC's approval is sought for Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan to attend the Seminar in London, UK from 26 to 29 March 2019 and the funding of which to be charged to his ODV account.

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Modern Slavery Project: Legislative Drafting Seminar

26-29 March 2019

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Modern Slavery Project: Legislative Drafting Seminar 26 - 29 March 2019

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK (CPA UK) implements programmes to share knowledge and skills between parliamentarians and officials from across the Commonwealth. Since 2016, CPA UK has run the Modern Slavery Project to provide practical advice and support to Commonwealth legislatures seeking to combat modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour.

CPA UK will host a Legislative Drafting Seminar from Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 March 2019 at the Houses of Parliament in London. This seminar will provide parliamentarians and legislative drafters with the skills and knowledge to develop effective modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour legislation. It will build upon the first Legislative Drafting Seminar held in December 2017.

On the final day of the visit, Commonwealth parliamentarians will also join a UK Member of Parliament in their constituencies to see how they work with local organisations to combat modern slavery-related crimes.

I am delighted to invite your legislature to apply for the following places at the seminar:

- **2 parliamentarians** who work on modern slavery-related issues or sit on a committee whose mandate covers related issues.
- **1 experienced legislative drafter** who will play a key role in the drafting and amending of modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour legislation

Legislatures may additionally choose to nominate 1 further clerk/senior official or parliamentarian. However, their attendance would be completely at the legislature's own cost. Ideally this should be an individual who will play a key role in the process of passing modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour legislation.

Please follow the application procedures outlined within this invitation and submit your nominations by **Sunday 20 January 2019**. Due to time constraints and a high level of expertise required to participate effectively, any applications that are received after the above indicated deadline and/or do not follow the nomination criteria are unlikely to be successful.

My colleagues and I look forward to welcoming you to Westminster in March.



Jon Davies
Chief Executive, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK

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The aim of the Legislative Drafting Seminar is to support parliamentarians and legislative drafters in the design, drafting and strengthening of modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour legislation.

Using knowledge and experience from legislative experts with experience across relevant Commonwealth countries and beyond, the Legislative Drafting Seminar delegates will enhance their understanding of:

1. The need for effective legislation to combat modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour.
2. Relevant international standards, the latest evidence on modern slavery related crimes and good practice on responding to modern slavery, to enable them to draft effective legislation.
3. How to build support for legislation and how to use parliamentary processes to introduce and pass effective legislation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Places per Legislature

Each legislature may apply for:

- **2 parliamentarians** who work on modern slavery-related issues or sit on a committee whose mandate covers related issues.
- **1 experienced legislative drafter** who will play a key role in the drafting and amending of modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour legislation

Each legislature may apply for **one** additional place for a clerk, senior official or parliamentarian. However, **they must bear the full cost of that individual's participation.**

To apply for places at the seminar, please complete the enclosed Participant Nomination Form and return it to CPA UK by no later than **20th January 2019.**

Due to a high demand for limited places, any applications received after the stated deadline will be held as a reserve.

Compulsory Nomination Criteria

When selecting participants for nomination, you are requested to consider the following criteria:

- a. Parliamentarians **must** be actively engaged in combating modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour in your country, or have attended one of CPA UK's programmes on modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour. The seminar will focus on technical, specific issues pertaining to drafting legislation; parliamentarians must already have a thorough understanding of the subject. This will also ensure continuity and long-term engagement with CPA UK's Modern Slavery Project and its stakeholders.
- b. Legislative drafters should be those who will play a key role in drafting future modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour legislation.
- c. If a legislature chooses to additionally nominate a clerk/senior official to attend, they must be an individual who will play a key role in the process behind passing modern slavery/ human trafficking legislation.
- d. It is CPA UK policy to encourage broad participation in its events. Where possible (and in the context of the above criteria) please nominate parliamentarians from both government/majority parties and opposition/minority parties. You also should consider gender balance and youth representation when nominating.
- e. Participants are expected to arrive for the start of the programme and to participate fully until its conclusion. Legislatures should only nominate participants who will attend the entire seminar programme.

Due to limited places for the seminar, there is a likelihood that it will be oversubscribed. Therefore, it is important to note that nominations that meet the above criteria are more likely to be selected.

Legislatures whose nominations do not meet the criteria may be asked to reconsider. Please ensure that the above information is disseminated to the nominated participants to ensure they understand the criteria.

Participant Progress Evaluation

As well as participating actively in the programme, participants will be expected to take part in pre-assessment, post-assessment and feedback exercises. CPA UK intends to assess participants' level of knowledge and experience prior to the seminar and at the conclusion of the seminar to assess the value that the programme has provided.

Acceptance of Participant Places

CPA UK will inform legislatures of the outcome of the application and selected participants by the close of business on **30th January 2019**.

Visas

Upon confirmation of delegate places at the seminar, CPA UK will provide a visa support letter as proof of involvement with the programme. Beyond this, CPA UK is not able to assist in the visa application process. Additional information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration>

Funding & Participation Costs

Subject to confirmation to attend the seminar, the following arrangements will apply to participating delegations:

CPA UK will fund:

1. Tea/Coffee and lunches as part of the official seminar programme.

Delegates will be responsible for the following:

1. Return travel to the UK;
2. Booking and paying for their accommodation;
3. Airport-hotel transfers;
4. Visa fees;
5. Meals outside of the official seminar programme;
6. Personal expenses during the seminar period (laundry, telephone, room service, mini- bar, etc);

Delegates attending the seminar are asked to arrive on 25 March 2019 and attend the full seminar programme, from Tuesday 26 - Friday 29 March 2019 inclusive.

Details of the official seminar hotel will be issued to all successful legislatures when they are notified of their places. The hotel will be in the immediate vicinity of the Houses of Parliament.

Spouses/Accompanying Persons/Children

The seminar will include an intensive programme for the delegates, requiring their full focus and attention. It is CPA UK policy that spouses, accompanying persons and children are not invited to attend any part of the programme. No additional programme for spouses/accompanying persons will be organised.

Withdrawals/Cancellations/Liabilities

Legislatures are requested to inform CPA UK immediately if a delegate cancels, or if for any reason will not arrive in London as scheduled. Once legislatures have committed to delegate attendance at the seminar, any cancellation fees or liabilities incurred by CPA UK as a result of a delegate failing to attend for any reason - including inability to secure a visa or departing early or arriving in London and failing to attend - will be passed onto the legislature for reimbursement to CPA UK.

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Preliminary estimate of expenditure

Duration of Seminar: 26 to 29 March 2019

Venue: London, United Kingdom

Breakdown of expenses

Items	Estimated expenses HK\$ (per person)		
	<u>Economy Class</u>	<u>Premium Economy Class</u>	<u>Business Class</u>
1. Air passage ^(Note 1) Hong Kong/London/ Hong Kong	14,762	30,564	52,604
2. Hotel accommodation (60% of the subsistence allowance) ^(Note 2) London (5 nights) ^(Note 3)	11,060		
3. Meals, in-town travelling and sundries (40% of the subsistence allowance) ^(Note 2) London (25 to 29 March 2019) ^(Note 3)	7,373		
4. Travel insurance	500		
TOTAL :	33,695 (say: 33,700)	49,497 (say: 49,500)	71,537 (say: 71,500)

NOTE :

1. Airfare quotation obtained on 11 February 2019. Price is inclusive of tax and surcharges.
2. Subsistence allowance for London: GBP 358 a day.
Exchange rate as at February 2019: GBP1= HK\$10.298
3. Participating Members are requested to arrive London on 25 March 2019.