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**Proposed joint-Panel duty visit to the major cities in  
the Yangtze River Delta Region from 21 to 24 April 2019  
by the Panel on Economic Development, Panel on Commerce and  
Industry, Panel on Financial Affairs,  
and Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting**

**Purpose**

This paper seeks the permission of the House Committee for the Panel on Economic Development, Panel on Commerce and Industry, Panel on Financial Affairs, and Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting ("the four Panels") to conduct a joint-Panel duty visit to the major cities in the Yangtze River Delta ("YRD") Region<sup>1</sup> to better understand their economic and financial development and study the issues concerned by members.

**Background**

2. The YRD Region was one of the first regions in the Mainland to develop and open-up, and is now known for its competitive and innovative industries. Cities and provinces in the Region have their own strengths in specific areas. For example, Shanghai is a logistics and financial centre, while Zhejiang and Jiangsu provinces have strong manufacturing bases.

3. In 2018, the Yangtze River Delta Regional Cooperation Office issued a three-year action plan (2018-2020) for the Region's integrative development. The three-year action plan aims to integrate the economies of Zhejiang, Jiangsu and Anhui provinces, and Shanghai, through coordination and collaborative development. The action plan sets a timetable and road map

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<sup>1</sup> YRD metropolitan region refers to 16 cities in Shanghai, southern Jiangsu and the eastern and northern part of Zhejiang. The cities included are Shanghai, Nanjing, Suzhou, Wuxi, Changzhou, Yangzhou, Zhenjiang, Nantong, Taizhou, Hangzhou, Ningbo, Huzhou, Jiaxing, Shaoxing, Zhoushan and Taizhou.

for YRD's integrated development in the coming years and covers cooperation in 12 economic sectors including transportation energy, scientific innovation, industry, informatization, environmental protection and public services. It also focuses on seven key aspects for integrated development in the Region including transportation connectivity, industrial innovation, and collaborative and orderly opening-up of the market.

#### Proposed joint-Panel duty visit

4. In view of the strategic significance of the development of the YRD Region, the Chairmen of the four Panels consulted members in January 2019 on whether a joint-Panel duty visit to the major cities in the Region should be conducted. Based on the views and suggestions expressed by the four Panel members, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau ("CMAB") was requested to draw up a tentative programme for members' consideration.

5. A joint meeting of the four Panels was held on 22 February 2019 to discuss the tentative visit programme proposed by CMAB (**Appendix I**). Members agreed that the four Panels would visit Shanghai and Hangzhou in the YRD Region from 21 to 24 April 2019 (Sunday to Wednesday). Members also put forward further views on the visit programme. The Secretariat is liaising with CMAB to fine-tune the programme in Appendix I upon further liaison with the Mainland authorities/organizations.

#### Participants of the visit

6. At the joint meeting of the four Panels on 22 February 2019, members agreed that the visit should be open to all Legislative Council ("LegCo") Members for participation, and that the President of LegCo would be invited to be the delegation leader of the visit. Members also agreed that the Chairmen of the four Panels would be the deputy delegation leaders of the visit.

7. To exchange views and facilitate future follow-up, members agreed that relevant Government officials, including the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development as well as the Secretary for Innovation and Technology would be invited to join the visit.

8. As at 27 February 2019, a total of 22 Members have indicated interest in joining the visit. A list of participants is in **Appendix II**.

## **Funding arrangements**

9. As approved by The Legislative Council Commission, each Member is provided with an overseas duty visit ("ODV") account of \$55,000 for the purpose of duty visits outside Hong Kong organized by committees of the Council. The fund in the account is for use by the Member in a four-year term. Any expenditure in excess of the approved allocation has to be paid initially by the Member personally. However, if there are unused balances in other Members' ODV accounts at the end of the term, the funds available will be used to reimburse those Members who have expended more than their allocation, in proportion to their excess qualifying expenditure.

10. An initial estimate of the expenditure for the visit (including transportation, hotel accommodation, meals, miscellaneous expenses, etc.) is about \$14,775 per person which will be charged to each participating Member's ODV account. A breakdown of the estimated expenditure is in **Appendix III**. The actual expenditure is subject to the final number of participants, the visit programme, transportation cost and hotel room rate at the time of confirmation. The Secretariat will bear the cost of accompanying staff for the visit.

11. The expenses incurred by the Government officials participating in the visit will be borne by the Administration.

## **Advice sought**

12. Rule 22(v) of the House Rules provides that should any Panel consider it necessary to undertake any activities outside Hong Kong under the name of the Panel of the Council, the prior permission of the House Committee shall be sought.

13. The House Committee's permission is sought for the four Panels to conduct the joint-Panel duty visit as proposed in the foregoing paragraphs.

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**Tentative visit programme  
(as at 12 February 2019)**

**21 April (Sunday)**

|           | <b>Programme</b>  | <b>Remarks</b>  |
|-----------|---|---|
| Morning   | Travel to Shanghai  |   |
| Afternoon | Visit the Art West Bund and the Exhibition Hall of Shanghai Dream Center<br><br>(around 1 hour 30 minutes)  | Briefing on the provision of and plan for cultural facilities in Shanghai. The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority signed a cooperation agreement with the Shanghai West Bund (Shanghai Xuhui Waterfront Area Comprehensive Development and Construction Management Committee) in August 2018 on enhancing cultural exchange between Hong Kong and Shanghai. |
| Evening   | Meeting and dinner with the Shanghai Municipal Government to understand the recent developments of Shanghai and its role in the development of the Yangtze River Delta Region<br><br>(around 1 hour 30 minutes) |   |
|           | Overnight stay in Shanghai  |   |

**22 April (Monday)**

|           | <b>Programme</b>   | <b>Remarks</b>  |
|-----------|--|---|
| Morning   | Visit Zhangjiang Science City (including National Center for Protein Science, Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility and Zhejiang E-Park)<br><br>(around 2 hours) | Briefing on the facilities for innovation and technology development in Shanghai, as well as the plan for and progress in the development of Shanghai as "an innovation center of science and technology with global influence".  |
|           | Visit Shanghai Stock Exchange<br><br>(around 45 minutes)   | Briefing on the development of financial services in Shanghai.  |
| Midday    | Luncheon meeting with Hong Kong people in Shanghai to understand the conditions of their study, work and living in Shanghai.<br><br>(around 1 hour 30 minutes)     |   |
| Afternoon | Visit Changyang Valley<br><br>(around 45 minutes)  | Briefing on a heritage preservation project in Shanghai and the support of the Shanghai Government for mass entrepreneurship and innovation. The Changyang Valley was redeveloped in 2014 from a textile machinery factory into a demonstration zone for entrepreneurship and innovation. |
|           | Visit the Shanghai Tianma Waste to Energy Co. Ltd<br><br>(around 45 minutes)   | Briefing on the facilities for and planning on environmental protection and renewable energy in Shanghai.   |
| Evening   | Overnight stay in Shanghai   |   |

**23 April (Tuesday)**

|           | <b>Programme</b>  | <b>Remarks</b>   |
|-----------|---|--|
| Morning   | Attend a seminar-cum-luncheon on "The background and latest development of the Yangtze River Economic Belt"<br><br>(around 3 hours)           | Briefing on the background and recent development of the Yangtze River Economic Belt   |
| Midday    | Travel to Hangzhou by high-speed rail   |  |
| Afternoon | Visit Hangzhou Citizen Center<br><br>(around 1 hour)  | Briefing on the development and future blueprint of Hangzhou during the visit to Hangzhou City Planning Exhibition Hall; and briefing on the one-stop application service for residents and enterprises during the visit to the "Home of Citizens" at the Hangzhou Citizen Center. |
| Evening   | Meeting and dinner with the Zhejiang Municipal Government to understand the recent developments of Zhejiang<br><br>(around 1 hour 30 minutes) |  |
|           | Attend the performance of "Impression West Lake – Enduring Memories of Hangzhou"<br><br>(around 1 hour)                                       | Learn about large-scale outdoor performances for the promotion of cultural tourism.  |
|           | Visit a tea house in Hangzhou<br><br>(around 1 hour)  | Learn about the promotion of tea culture and cultural tourism.   |
|           | Overnight stay in Hangzhou  |  |

**24 April (Wednesday)**

|           | <b>Programme</b>  | <b>Remarks</b>   |
|-----------|---|--|
| Morning   | Visit Alibaba Group<br><br>(around 1 hour 30 minutes)   | Briefing on the e-commerce business of the Alibaba Group and the application of "City Brain" system in urban transport management. |
| Midday    | Luncheon meeting with Hong Kong people in Zhejiang to understand the conditions of their study, work and living in Zhejiang<br><br>(around 1 hour 30 minutes) |  |
| Afternoon | Visit WeDoctor Group<br><br>(around 1 hour)   | Briefing on the WeDoctor Group's online healthcare services supported by Internet and artificial intelligence technology.          |
|           | Visit Hangzhou National High-Tech Industries Development Zone<br><br>(around 40 minutes)  | Briefing on the latest development of high-tech industries in Hangzhou and its policies to nurture high-tech enterprises.          |
| Evening   | Return to Hong Kong   |  |

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**List of participants**  
(as at 27 February 2019)

Delegation Leader

Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP  
(President of the Legislative Council)

Panel members

Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS  
(Chairman of Panel on Commerce and Industry cum Deputy Delegation Leader)

Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP  
(Chairman of Panel on Financial Affairs cum Deputy Delegation Leader)

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP  
(Chairman of Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting cum Deputy Delegation Leader)

Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan  
(Chairman of Panel on Economic Development cum Deputy Delegation Leader)

Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP  
(Deputy Chairman of Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting)

Hon Kenneth LEUNG  
(Deputy Chairman of Panel on Financial Affairs)

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP

Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP

Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin

Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, JP

Hon YUNG Hoi-yan

Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP

Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH

Non-Panel members

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP

Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP

Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

Hon IP Kin-yuen

Hon LAM Cheuk-ting

Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS



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**Estimates of expenditure for Members**

**Routing of visit: Hong Kong / Shanghai / Hangzhou / Hong Kong**

**Breakdown of the estimated expenditure**

| Items   | Expenditure per person<br>chargeable to participating<br>Members' Overseas Duty Visit<br>accounts (HK\$) |
|---|--|
| 1. Airfare <i>(Note 1)</i>  | 4,500  |
| 2. Transportation<br>(coach and high-speed rail)  | 620  |
| 3. Hotel accommodation <i>(Note 2)</i><br>(a) Shanghai (21 and 22 April 2019)<br><i>(60% of the subsistence allowance)</i><br>(b) Hangzhou (23 April 2019)<br><i>(60% of the subsistence allowance)</i>   | 5,170  |
| 4. Meals and sundries <i>(Note 3)</i><br>(a) Shanghai (21 and 22 April 2019)<br><i>(35% of the subsistence allowance)</i><br>(b) Hangzhou (23 April 2019)<br><i>(35% of the subsistence allowance)</i><br>(c) Hangzhou (24 April 2019)<br><i>(15% of the subsistence allowance)</i> | 3,360  |
| 5. Ticket for a large-scale outdoor performance   | 450  |
| 6. Travel insurance   | 150  |

| <b>Items</b>  | <b>Expenditure per person chargeable to participating Members' Overseas Duty Visit accounts (HK\$)</b> |
|---|--|
| 7. Miscellaneous supporting services (tour guiding equipment) | 525  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | 14,775 <i>(Note 4)</i>   |

**Notes:**

1. Calculated based on the airfare of economy class ticket.
2. Subsistence allowance for visiting the following cities (up to 31 March 2019):  
Shanghai RMB2,675  
Hangzhou RMB1,950  
Exchange rate as at late February 2019: RMB1 = HK\$1.18
3. As the in-town transportation in the Mainland will be arranged by the Secretariat or the Administration, the subsistence allowance payable is reduced by 5% (i.e. 35% of the subsistence allowance) for the first three days. For the departure day, reimbursement of actual expenses can be claimed for meals and sundries, which is budgeted at 15% of the subsistence allowance. The subsistence allowances payable to each participating Member per day in Shanghai are HK\$1,105 (Day 1 and Day 2) and in Hangzhou are HK\$805 (Day 3) and HK\$345 (Day 4).
4. The actual expenditure is subject to the final number of participants, the visit programme, transportation cost and hotel room rate at the time of confirmation.