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Updated 2020-2021 Legislative Programme

Attached is a list of bills which the Government intends to introduce into the Legislative Council in the remainder of the 2020-2021 legislative session.

The updated programme serves as an indication of the Government's intention at this stage, and may be adjusted during the course of the legislative session. This notwithstanding, we hope that Members will find the Programme helpful in planning their work ahead.

Yours sincerely,

(Daniel Cheng)

Director of Administration

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cc Clerk to the House Committee

Updated Legislative Programme 2020-2021

This updated Programme sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the remainder of the 2020-2021 legislative session. The bills to be introduced is subject to change in the light of the state of readiness of the bills and changing circumstances.

Title and Purpose of the Bill

Bureau

1. Ocean Park Corporation (Amendment) Bill

CEDB

To amend the Ocean Park Corporation Ordinance (Cap. 388) to –

- (a) expand the functions of the Ocean Park Corporation ("OPC") to cover the promotion, facilitation, and enhancement of public recreation, education, conservation, and tourism outside the park area both in and outside of Hong Kong; and
- (b) make it explicit that the OPC may perform its functions either alone, or jointly, or by agreement with any other person.

To amend or repeal the Ocean Park Bylaw (Cap. 388B) to dovetail with the outsourcing arrangement of the current and future facilities of Ocean Park.

2. Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill

CEDB

To streamline regulatory/licensing process under the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106) to facilitate developments of 5G and Internet of Things technologies and enhance protection of underground telecommunications facilities.

Title and Purpose of the Bill

Bureau

3. Improving Electoral System (Consolidated Amendments) Rill

CMAB

To amend the relevant local legislation in accordance with the Decision of the National People's Congress on Improving the Electoral System of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, as well as Annex I and Annex II to the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China as amended by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, to regulate the conduct and arrangement of election-related activities.

4. National Flag and National Emblem (Amendment) Bill

CMAB

On 17 October 2020, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress endorsed the amendments to the Law of the People's Republic of China on the National Flag (National Flag Law) and the Law of the People's Republic of China on the National Emblem (National Emblem Law). In light of the amended National Flag Law and the amended National Emblem Cordinance (Instrument A401) should be suitably amended to implement provisions that are applicable to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") and to fulfil the constitutional responsibility of the HKSAR.

5. Personal Data (Privacy) (Amendment) Bill

CMAB

To amend the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486) to combat doxxing acts.

6. Sale of Goods (United Nations Convention) Bill

DoJ

To implement the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods; and to provide for related matters.

7. The Open University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Bill

EDB

To amend The Open University of Hong Kong Ordinance (Cap. 1145) to change the title of The Open University of Hong Kong to Hong Kong Metropolitan University.

Title and Purpose of the Bill

Bureau

8. **Mercury Control Bill**

ENB

To implement the Minamata Convention on Mercury, which protects human health and the environment from anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds.

9. Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill

FHB

To amend the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) so as to attract more qualified non-locally trained doctors to return to work in our public healthcare sector through creating a new pathway for them to obtain full registration in Hong Kong with a view to addressing the shortage of doctors.

10. Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill

FSTB

To amend the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance (Cap. 485) to enable the implementation and operation of the new eMPF Platform and reflect the changes in the Mandatory Provident Fund scheme administration work flow.

11. Securities and Futures Legislation (Amendment) Bill /

FSTB

12. Limited Partnership Fund and Business Registration Legislation (Amendment) Bill

To amend the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) and the Limited Partnership Fund Ordinance (Cap. 637) in order to provide mechanisms for non-Hong Kong investment funds to re-domicile to Hong Kong as Open-ended Fund Companies or Limited Partnership Funds. Amendments would also be made to the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310) to provide for simultaneous business registration applications of Limited Partnership Funds.

13. Courts (Remote Hearing) Bill

JUD/ CSO

To introduce legislative amendments to provide an option to the Court to order remote hearing in civil and criminal proceedings as it sees fit, having regard to all relevant circumstances, as well as the dual requirements of open justice and fairness.

Title and Purpose of the Bill

Bureau

14. Dangerous Goods (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill

SB

To introduce consequential amendments to other legislation arising from the legislative amendments to the subsidiary legislation under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance ("DGO") (Cap. 295) and to fine-tune DGO.

15. Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill

THB

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To amend the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance (Cap. 7) to introduce tenancy control on subdivided units ("SDUs") with a view to safeguarding the interests of grass-root tenants living in SDUs.

16. Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Liability for Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Sea) Bill

To implement through local legislation the latest requirements of the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974 as amended by the Protocol of 2002, adopted by the International Maritime Organization, to impose an enhanced regime of liability on passenger carriers and to require compulsory insurance to enhance protection against damages or loss suffered by passengers travelling by sea.

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