

**Fiftieth Meeting of
the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee**

Agenda Item 2: A Safe Community – The Way Forward

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on the role of the Inter-departmental Counter Terrorism Unit (ICTU) as well as the initiatives and way forward of “A Safe Community”.

Background

2. ICTU, comprising members from six disciplined services, namely the Customs and Excise Department, the Correctional Services Department, the Fire Services Department, the Government Flying Service, the Hong Kong Police Force and the Immigration Department, was established in April 2018 under the coordination of the Security Bureau.

3. ICTU is vested with the responsibilities to monitor and analyse global terrorism trends and render strategic recommendations to the Secretary for Security on counter terrorism (CT) related matters; provide an inter-departmental platform to enhance coordination and analysis of CT intelligence and coordinate CT efforts of various stakeholders, such as coordinating public education efforts, organising exercise and training.

A Safe Community

4. To enhance the public's CT awareness and preparedness, ICTU has launched a public education campaign titled "A Safe Community" for various sectors of the community since late 2021. Amongst which, "The Safe Community Pledge" was rolled out in June 2022 to remind the chemical sector the importance of (1) "stay alert and law-abiding" – to be familiarised and comply with legal requirements; (2) "maintain safe management" – to keep and manage access records properly; and (3) "spot and report" – to identify and timely report dubious situations.

The Way Forward

5. To solidify "A Safe Community", ICTU will continue to collaborate with government Bureaux/Departments and various community sectors in raising CT awareness and preparedness in our community.

Advice Sought

6. Members are invited to note the content of the paper.

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