

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

***Agenda Item 4(c): Report on the work of the  
Task Force on Business Liaison Groups***

**Purpose**

This paper reports the work of the Task Force on Business Liaison Groups (BLGTF) since the last Business Facilitation Advisory Committee meeting on 9 November 2022.

**Work progress of the BLGTF**

***Overall progress of Business Liaison Groups***

2. Since the last meeting, we have conducted four Business Liaison Group (BLG) meetings and proactively liaised with the trade of four BLGs. A total of ten issues were satisfactorily resolved or clarified, and 15 information dissemination sessions on business facilitation measures, regulatory requirements and e-services for licence applications were conducted by the relevant departments as arranged by the BLG Secretariat.

3. To enhance communication with the trade, we continue to provide various channels including an online form for the trade to share their views on licensing and regulatory regime. Summaries of the views collected and the Government responses are uploaded onto the Business Facilitation Initiatives website on a regular basis. Salient issues and examples have been presented in the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the BLGTF.

***E-services to facilitate licence applications for trade related to the Business Liaison Groups***

4. To provide more convenient licensing services, relevant government departments have provided e-services for a number of licences under the “Be the Smart Regulatory” Programme to facilitate the trade to handle licence applications in a speedy manner. These services include e-submission, e-payment, e-licence, etc. In the BLGTF meeting on 30 December 2022, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the Home Affairs Department and the Hong Kong Police Force briefed the BLGTF on the e-services which facilitate

multiple trades related to the BLGs to apply for licences for operating relevant businesses or holding specific commercial activities in their premises.

5. BLGTF thanked the departments for implementing the e-licensing services which facilitate the trade in licence applications and reduce their administrative burden.

### **Way forward**

6. Members are invited to note the work progress of the BLGTF. BLGTF will continue to oversee and monitor the work progress of the BLGs.

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