

**Business Facilitation Advisory Committee
Task Force on Business Liaison Groups (BLGTF)**

An update of the progress of Business Liaison Groups

Purpose

This paper provides an update of the overall work progress of the ten Business Liaison Groups (BLGs) since the last Task Force meeting.

Progress

2. From 1 January to 31 December 2014, 18 BLG meetings were held and a total of 83 issues were satisfactorily resolved or clarified. At these meetings, 24 information dissemination sessions on new business facilitation measures/new regulations/existing regulatory requirements and one consultation session on proposed new regulation/legislation were conducted by the bureaux/departments concerned. A breakdown of these figures by the BLGs is shown at *Appendix*. Four typical cases satisfactorily dealt with by relevant BLGs are set out in BLGTF Papers 49 to 52.

3. Regarding the BLG for theme parks, the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit has since 2012 invited operators of other attraction points (e.g. the Madam Tussauds Hong Kong, Peak Tower and Ngong Ping 360) to attend the BLG meetings as observers and exchange views on common or similar licensing and regulatory matters. As the arrangement is well received by the trade, we plan to expand the scope of the BLG to cover theme parks and attraction points and revise its name as “BLG for Theme Parks and Attractions” with effect from 1 April 2015.

4. The Secretariat will continue to provide advance notice to Members once the meeting schedule for the future BLG meetings is available.

Way Forward

5. Members are invited to note the content of this paper and offer comments, if any.

Secretariat of the Task Force on Business Liaison Groups
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A breakdown of the work of the ten Business Liaison Groups from 1 January to 31 December 2014

BLG	No. of meetings	No. of issues resolved / clarified	No. of information dissemination sessions	No. of consultation sessions
Food business (restaurant)	2	12	4	0
Food business (non-restaurant)	2	8	3	0
Billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks	2	9	2	0
Cinemas	2	14	3	0
Theme parks	1	1	1	0
Family amusement centres	2	8	0	1
Hotels	2	8	4	0
Recreational clubs	1	4	4	0
Karaoke establishments, night clubs, bars and other entertainment clubs	2	10	1	0
Guesthouses, holiday camps and holiday flats	2	9	2	0
Total	18	83	24	1