

**Thirty-sixth Meeting of  
the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee**

***Agenda Item 3(c): Report on the work of the  
Task Force on Business Liaison Groups***

**Purpose**

This paper reports on the work of the Task Force on Business Liaison Groups (BLGTF) since the last Business Facilitation Advisory Committee meeting on 18 August 2017.

**Work progress of the BLGTF**

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

2. From 1 July to 31 October 2017, two Business Liaison Group (BLG) meetings were held. At these meetings, a total of 11 issues were satisfactorily resolved or clarified. In addition, one information dissemination session on safe provision of greening in buildings and two consultation sessions on review of fees for liquor licensing services were conducted by departments concerned.

***Safe provision of greening in buildings***

3. In light of the public concern on the safety of greening facilities in buildings, the Buildings Department published the "Introductory Guide on Greening in Buildings" (the Guide) in February 2017 to provide an easy reference for safe provision of greening in buildings. The Guide highlights the potential impact of greening on building safety and the issues to be considered in the planning, design, construction and maintenance of greening. It also advises on the necessary actions to ensure building safety with respect to the existing and newly proposed greening. Operators of various trades could make reference to the Guide when they consider providing greening facilities at their premises.

***Transfer of liquor licence without the consent of current licensee***

4. The Government has set up a new mechanism for processing application for transfer of liquor licence without the consent of current licensee, which benefits business sectors such as hotels, karaoke establishments, bars and other entertainment clubs. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) briefed BLGTF on this trade facilitation initiative at the meeting on 27 October 2017. Its details have been reported in the work progress of the Food Business and Related Services Task Force [BFAC Paper 8/17 (2)] .

***Consultation on review of fees for liquor licensing services***

5. FEHD had earlier reviewed the fees for liquor licensing services and consulted stakeholders on the proposed fees adjustment at the recent meetings of the Hotels BLG as well as the BLG for karaoke establishments, night clubs, bars and other entertainment clubs. It also conducted a special consultation session on 22 August 2017 to solicit views from members of BLGTF and trade representatives from recreational clubs, cinemas and theme parks. The trade participants actively expressed their views and concerns on the fees revision proposal.

6. BLGTF appreciated the facilitation efforts of departments concerned.

**Way forward**

7. 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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