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Chairman
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Central, Hong Kong

Dear Sir/Madam,

Visitors coming to Hong Kong to deliver speeches/presentations

I write to inform you that a person permitted to enter Hong Kong as a visitor may attend an event to deliver speeches/presentations provided that certain conditions are met.

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has all along adopted an open immigration policy. Nationals of about 170 foreign countries and territories may visit Hong Kong visa-free.

Under the Immigration Regulations, Chapter 115A, Laws of Hong Kong, permission given to a person to land in Hong Kong as a visitor shall be subject to conditions of stay, among others, that he/she shall not take any employment, whether paid or unpaid.

That said, a person permitted to enter Hong Kong as a visitor may generally engage in the following business-related activities:

- (a) concluding contracts or submitting tenders;
- (b) examining or supervising the installation/packaging of goods or equipment;
- (c) participating in exhibitions or trade fairs (except selling goods or supplying services direct to the general public, or constructing exhibition booths);
- (d) settling compensation or other civil proceedings;
- (e) participating in product orientation; and
- (f) attending short-term seminars or other business meetings.

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Visitors may deliver speeches/presentations at an event under certain conditions

Hong Kong is a metropolis with frequent exchanges with people from all over the world for conferences and meetings. In order to accord more convenience to non-local speakers, with immediate effect, a person permitted to enter Hong Kong as a visitor may attend an event to deliver speech(es)/presentation(s) subject to the following conditions being met:

- (a) he/she will not be remunerated for speaking/presenting at the event (other than provision of accommodation, passage, meals, etc. relating to the event, or the reimbursement of such expenses);
- (b) the duration of the whole event should be no longer than seven days; and
- (c) he/she can only attend one such event to deliver speech(es)/presentation(s) during each period of permitted stay.

If all the above-mentioned three conditions are met, a non-local person may come to Hong Kong as a visitor to attend an event to deliver speech(es)/presentation(s) without the need for an employment visa/entry permit. The arrangement applies to all visitors, regardless of their country or territory of origin.

For the avoidance of doubt, there is no change to the visa requirement for foreign nationals visiting Hong Kong. In other words, foreign nationals who need a visa for visiting Hong Kong under the prevailing policy shall still be required to obtain a visa in advance before coming to Hong Kong for visit.

For scenarios not fully meeting the above-mentioned three conditions, a non-local speaker may be required to obtain an employment visa/entry permit. Event organisers are advised to contact Immigration Department ("ImmD") in case of doubt. ImmD will advise on the visa requirement, having regard to all the circumstances of individual case.

General information on the immigration arrangements for entry to Hong Kong is available on ImmD's website at www.immd.gov.hk. Enquiries can be made by email to enquiry@immd.gov.hk, by hotline at 2824 6111 or by fax at 2877 7711.

Yours sincerely,



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for Director of Immigration