Existing and planned measures on the promotion of racial equality

Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch Commerce and Economic Development Bureau

The Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch (CITB) of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (CEDB) formulates and coordinates policies and strategies in relation to Hong Kong's external commercial relations, tourism, inward investment promotion, convention and exhibition services, intellectual property protection, industry and business support, trade facilitation, consumer protection, promotion of competition, postal services and meteorological services. It also sets the overall policy for the HKSAR's participation in the Belt and Road Initiative and coordinates the work of the HKSAR Government on the initiative. CITB is assisted by the Trade and Industry Department, Invest Hong Kong, Customs and Excise Department, Intellectual Property Department, Hongkong Post and Hong Kong Observatory. It is also supported by overseas Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices.

CITB attaches great importance to ensuring equal access to its services by all members of the public, irrespective of their racial background and, where applicable, will continue to take measures to cater for the special needs of people of diverse race, such as their service needs.

(A) Requests for information and enquiries about the work of CITB

Services
Concerned

The public can request information and make enquiries about CITB's work on its policy areas through email, fax, post and telephone.

Existing Measures

Information about CITB's work is available on CITB's website (https://www.cedb.gov.hk/citb/) and those of the relevant government departments and the related public bodies in the two official languages of Hong Kong (i.e. Chinese and English).

Our enquiry service is neutral with regard to race, and replies are made in either Chinese or English as appropriate according to the language of the enquiries received.

Assessment of Future Work

We will take into account the needs of people of diverse race when formulating policies and strategies, and will review our services when necessary with a view to meeting their needs.

Additional Measures Taken/ to be Taken

Information requests and enquiries received so far are in either Chinese or English. In dealing with information requests and enquiries from people of diverse race, interpretation and translation services will be arranged as necessary.

Data on the use of services by service users of diverse race will be collected to facilitate continuous assessment and improvement of service provision.

For enquiries concerning the existing and planned measures on the promotion of racial equality, please contact Miss Candy KWAN, Executive Officer (Administration) via the following channels –

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Email: <u>citbenq@cedb.gov.hk</u>

Postal address: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau

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(B) Travel Agents Registry

Services Concerned The Travel Agents Registry (TAR) of the Tourism Commission of CITB is responsible for licensing and regulating travel agents in accordance with the Travel Agents Ordinance (Cap. 218), as well as handling the enquiries and applications of outbound travellers for exgratia payment under the Travel Industry Compensation Fund (TICF).

Existing Measures

Information about licensing of travel agents and the TICF is available on TAR's website (https://www.tar.gov.hk/) in the two official languages of Hong Kong (i.e. Chinese and English). All forms and leaflets are also published in both languages.

Interpretation and translation services will be arranged as necessary in dealing with people of diverse race.

Assessment of Future Work

TAR will review its services when necessary with a view to meeting the needs of people of diverse race.

Additional Measures Taken/ to be Taken Data on the use of services by service users of diverse race will be collected to facilitate continuous assessment and improvement of service provision.

Feedback/suggestions from people of diverse race will be considered for further enhancement where necessary and appropriate.

For enquiries concerning TAR's services, please contact Miss Polly HO, Assistant Registrar of Travel Agents (3) via the following channels –

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Email: <u>targr@cedb.gov.hk</u>
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