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MEMORANDUM TO ALL MEMBERS

Free Trade Agreement with Australia

The Government will pursue a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Australia and is inviting comments and suggestions from interested parties with a view to assisting the Government in formulating its strategies and positions. For details of the consultation document, please visit the following website:

https://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/noticeboard/australia_agreement.html

Australia is an important trading partner of Hong Kong. In terms of trade in goods, Australia was Hong Kong's 19th largest trading partner in 2016, with total bilateral trade amounted to HK\$52 billion. In 2015, Australia was Hong Kong's 7th largest services trading partner and bilateral services trade amounted to HK\$41 billion.

It is envisaged that the FTA with Australia will include, among others, the following key elements:

- elimination or reduction of tariffs;
- reduction of non-tariff barriers;
- preferential rules of origin;
- customs facilitation procedures;
- better market access for trade in services;
- promotion and protection of investment; and
- legal and institutional arrangements, including dispute settlement mechanism for the FTA.

The Government would like to seek public views on the following issues:

- the sectors Hong Kong should particularly focus on in tariff negotiations with Australia;
- the origin rules under the FTA with Australia as well as the implementation aspects of such rules;
- the services sectors and services measures of Australia Hong Kong should particularly focus on in the services negotiations, e.g. whether there are any existing or foreseeable hurdles to the provision of services in Australia;
- any services sectors, areas or measures which Hong Kong should be more cautious in undertaking commitments, including those commitments to maintain our current regime for access of services or services suppliers of Australia;
- improvements that should be sought from Australia to its policies on, and treatments of, investments from Hong Kong;
- any other particular areas or measures which Hong Kong should focus on.

Members who have any views on the free trade agreement with Australia are invited to inform the FHKI by 12 May 2017 (Fax No: 2721 3494 or email to Jeffreys.tsang@fhki.org.hk). For enquiries, please contact Jeffreys Tsang at 2732 3197.



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致全體會員備忘錄

與澳洲的自由貿易協定

香港政府將尋求與澳洲締結自由貿易協定。為了協助特區政府制訂與澳洲談判的策略及立場，現正邀請各界提供意見及建議。有關諮詢文件的詳情，請參考以下網址：

https://www.tid.gov.hk/tc_chi/aboutus/noticeboard/australia_agreement.html

澳洲是香港的重要貿易伙伴。就貨物貿易而言，澳洲於2016年是香港的第19大貿易伙伴，雙邊貿易總額達520億港元。在2015年，澳洲是香港第七大服務貿易伙伴，雙邊服務貿易額達410億港元。

與澳洲的自貿協定預期包括以下主要元素：

- 撤銷或削減關稅；
- 減少非關稅壁壘；
- 優惠產地來源規則；
- 簡便的清關程序；
- 更佳的服務貿易市場准入；
- 促進和保護投資；及
- 法律和制度安排，包括自貿協定下的爭端解決機制。

政府希望徵詢公眾對下列議題的意見：

- 就香港在自貿協定的關稅談判中，應聚焦的貨品；
- 與澳洲的產地來源規則談判以及其運作；
- 在與澳洲的服務談判中，應聚焦的服務行業和服務措施。例如：在澳洲提供服務時，有否現存或預見的障礙；
- 香港作出承諾時，是否有任何服務界別、範疇或措施需要特別謹慎處理，包括應否承諾對澳洲的服務或服務提供者維持我們現行的准入制度；
- 就澳洲對香港在當地投資的政策及待遇上應改善的地方；及
- 就其他範疇或措施，香港應該注意的地方

會員如對與澳洲的自由貿易協定有任何意見，請於2017年5月12日前向工總反映(傳真:2721 3494 或電郵:jeffreys.tsang@fhki.org.hk)。如有查詢，請聯絡秘書處曾志聰先生，電話:2732 3197。

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