

MEMORANDUM TO ALL MEMBERS

**Public Consultation on the Negotiation of the Hong Kong and Macao  
Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement**

The Special Administrative Region Governments of Hong Kong and Macao will soon commence negotiation of a free trade agreement (FTA) between the two – the HK-Macao CEPA.

The HKSAR Government is now consulting interested parties to provide views and suggestions on areas to be covered in the FTA. It will make reference to these views during the negotiation with Macao. The public consultation will last until 9 November 2015. For details, please refer to the following website: [http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/noticeboard/hkmacao\\_cepa.html](http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/noticeboard/hkmacao_cepa.html).

The negotiations will cover the following key elements: (a) commitment to bind tariff at zero; (b) minimising non-tariff barriers and avoiding imposing trade remedies including anti-dumping, safeguards, and countervailing measures; (c) customs facilitation procedures; (d) liberalisation and facilitation of trade in services; (e) liberalisation, protection, promotion and facilitation of investment; (f) cooperation in the area of intellectual property; and (g) legal and institutional arrangements and dispute settlement mechanism.

The Government would like to invite views on:

(a) which services sectors and services measures of Macao Hong Kong should particularly focus on in the services negotiations under the HK-Macao CEPA, e.g. whether there are any existing or foreseeable hurdles to the provision of services in Macao's market;

(b) whether there are 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 Macao; and

(c) improvements that should be sought from Macao to its policy on, and treatment of, investments from Hong Kong.

At present, Hong Kong and Macao have each entered into a separate Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) with the Mainland. The Government believes that, with the HK-Macao CEPA, the three places may build upon those CEPAs to establish a new, common platform to advance further liberalisation and facilitation of trade and investment in the "Greater China" region.

**Please let us know your views:**

Members who have any views on the consultation document are invited to inform the FHKI **by 4 November 2015** (Fax No: 2721 3494 or email [Jeffreys.tsang@fhki.org.hk](mailto:Jeffreys.tsang@fhki.org.hk)). For enquiries, please contact Jeffreys Tsang at 2732 3197.

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