

Re-appointments to Advisory Committee on Cruise Industry

The Government today (January 22) announced the re-appointment of the chairman and members of the Advisory Committee on Cruise Industry (ACCI) for one year with effect from January 28.

The membership of the ACCI from January 28 will be as follows:

Chairman

Commissioner for Tourism

Members

Mr Massimo Brancaleoni

Vice President, Pacific Asia Operations, Costa Crociere S.p.A.

Ms Anthea Cheung

Marketing Director, Hotel Reservation & Ticketing Centre

China Travel Service (Hong Kong) Limited

Mr David Chua

President, Star Cruises

Mr Ronnie Ho

Chairman, Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong

Mr Joseph Lam

General Manager, International Representative for Hong Kong

Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.

Mr Anthony Lau (or his representative)

Executive Director, Hong Kong Tourism Board

Ms Susanna Lau

General Manager, Hong Thai Travel Services Ltd.

Mr Andrew Leung
Managing Director, Swire Travel Ltd.

Ms Lanny Leung
Chief Executive Officer, Hong Kong Wing On Travel Service Ltd.

Mr Kevin Schellack
Managing Director, MSC Cruises Asia Company Limited

Mr Richard Willis
Senior Advisor, Kuoni Travel (China) Limited

Ms Linda Yuen
Executive Director, Sightseers (HK) Limited

Since its establishment in January 2008, the ACCI has focused on developing cruise tourism in Hong Kong and the region, fostering co-operation with neighbouring coastal provinces on the Mainland for cruise itinerary development, enhancing manpower supply to cater for the needs of the cruise market, and facilitating interim berthing arrangements of cruise vessels.

"The Government is committed to developing Hong Kong into a regional cruise hub. As announced in September 2008, the Government will finance and develop a new cruise terminal at Kai Tak, with the first berth expected to be operational in 2013," a Government spokesman said.

"Apart from hardware development, we also recognise the importance of developing the software to support cruise tourism. The ACCI, with members coming from key players in the cruise market and travel industry, will continue to advise the Government on measures to take forward the software development for the cruise market, and develop Hong Kong into a leading regional cruise hub."

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