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Question:

Regarding attracting high-end overnight visitors, stepping up marketing efforts in source markets with potential and proactively promoting the hosting of a wider range of conferences, exhibitions and incentive travel events in Hong Kong, please advise on the following:

The Marine Department and the Guangdong Maritime Safety Administration have established a dedicated task force to maintain discussion and co-operation on various issues relating to facilitation of yacht travelling, including the “individual travel scheme for yachts” put forward by the Guangdong Province, and to jointly formulate relevant implementation measures. What is the latest progress? Are there any specific roadmap and timetable? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHU Lap-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 51)

Reply:

The Marine Department has been in active discussion with the Guangdong Maritime Safety Administration regarding details of the facilitation measures for the northbound travel of yachts from Hong Kong and southbound travel for yachts from the Chinese Mainland, including the safety standards and technical requirements for pleasure vessels. Relevant details will be announced in a timely manner upon confirmation.

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