

HONG KONG HOTELS ASSOCIATION

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The Hon. Sir Donald Tsang, GMB, JP
Chief Secretary for Administration
Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Central Government Offices
11 Ice House Street
Central Hong Kong

Dear Sir Donald.

We wish to express the views of Hong Kong Hotels Association (HKHA) on constitutional development in Hong Kong and in particular, the size of representative voters in the Election Committee for selecting the Chief Executive and the method of forming the Legislative Council.

The size of the Election Committee and voters of the Tourism Functional Constituency should be enlarged to make them more representative. As the major tourism centre of Asia, contributing substantially to the GDP of Hong Kong and its employment market, the importance of tourism in Hong Kong will continue to grow and members of the industry should be given greater recognition when determining the future constitutional development in Hong Kong.

For the Tourism Functional Constituency, we recommend that each company be given up to 10 votes, based on the size of the company in terms of total number of employees. Small companies can continue to have 1 vote per company, but large companies should progressively be given up to 10 votes at the maximum using a scale based on the size of their total number of employees.

We hope you will take our recommendation to ensure that there will be balanced representation to select the next term of Legislative Council members and use that same principle to select the third term Chief Executive of Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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