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## To all hotel/guesthouse licence holders/ applicants

Dear Sir/Madam,

## Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) Licence with Validity Period exceeding 12 Months

Further to my letter of 1 February 2011 regarding the captioned issue, I am writing to remind you that the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Authority (the Authority) will consider applications related to a licence for a period exceeding 12 months under section 8, 9(1) and 12 of the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349)(the Ordinance) on a case by case basis. You may wish to note that the Authority will take into account the applicant's latest records in complying with the Ordinance before making a determination under the Ordinance.

When making an application, the applicant (in case of new licence or renewal application) and proposed transferee should have a good record which has been updated as follows :-

- (a) has been a licensee to supervise the operation, keeping, management and control of licensed hotel(s)/guesthouse(s) in accordance with the Ordinance for the 12 months preceding the date of the application.
- (b) has NOT breached any licensing condition of any hotel/guesthouse for the 12 months preceding the date of the application.
- (c) has NOT been convicted of any offence against the Ordinance for the 36 months preceding the date of the application.
- (d) has NOT been convicted of an offence against sections 5, 21(1)(b) or 21(3)(b) of the Ordinance for operating, keeping, managing or having control of an unlicensed hotel/ guesthouse.

For items(a) and (b) above, if an applicant submits renewal application 3 months before the expiry date of his/her current licence in accordance with section 9 of the Ordinance, the application will still be processed. However, the issue of a licence for a period exceeding 12 months will be considered after ascertaining that the applicant has a good record of 12 months preceding the expiration of the current licence. For the conviction record in items (c) and (d), it refers to such offence committed after 1 February 2011.

You may wish to note that updated application forms can be downloaded from the website <u>www.hadla.gov.hk</u> or obtained from the Office of the Licensing Authority at 14/F, Cornwall House, Taikoo Place, 979 King's Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong.

Should you have any enquiries regarding the above, please contact our Mr. T.C. HAU at 2881 7746.

Yours faithfully,

## Signed

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