

HKSAR Government welcomes country's policy of visa-free entry via cruise ships at coastal provinces

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region welcomes the announcement by the National Immigration Administration (NIA) today (May 15) on implementing the policy of allowing visa-free entry of foreign tourist groups aboard cruise ships at provinces along the country's coastline.

A spokesman for the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) said, "As Asia's cruise hub, Hong Kong attracts visitors from around the world to come for cruise travel. They would stay in Hong Kong before or after their voyages to experience our tourism offerings and bring economic benefits to the city. The new policy measures announced by the NIA today will attract international cruise lines to develop more cruise itineraries involving Mainland ports and Hong Kong, leveraging our role as a core demonstration zone for multi-destination tourism and promoting the development of Hong Kong's cruise industry."

The CSTB will continue to enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness as Asia's cruise hub through various measures, and seize the opportunities brought about by the development of the country's cruise industry.