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入境事務處  
Immigration Department  
The Government of the Hong Kong  
Special Administrative Region

Urgent By Fax (2510 9907) & By Post

6 April 2017

Mr Joseph Tung  
Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong  
Rooms 1706-09, Fortress Tower  
250 King's Road  
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Hong Kong

Dear Mr Tung,

**Changes in Visa Requirement for Nationals of  
Afghanistan, Iran, Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Sudan**

I write to inform you of the following changes in the visa requirement for nationals of Afghanistan, Iran, Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Sudan (collectively "nationals of the four countries").

At present, nationals of the four countries will require a visa to enter Hong Kong for whatever purpose except the following:

- (i) nationals of the four countries in direct transit and remain on the airside;
- (ii) nationals of the four countries who are operating seacrew arriving on board vessels;
- (iii) Iranian contract seamen; and
- (iv) nationals of the four countries who are holders of the United Nations Laissez Passer coming to Hong Kong or transiting through Hong Kong to/from a third place for official United Nations business.

With effect from 12 April 2017, categories (i), (ii) and (iii) mentioned above will also require a visa to come to Hong Kong. On the other hand, the entry arrangement for category (iv) will remain unchanged.

Visa applications from nationals of the four countries can be submitted to any Chinese diplomatic and consular mission, or to the Immigration Department either directly by post or through a local sponsor.

For more information, please feel free to contact the undersigned or Senior Immigration Officer Miss Florence W Y Yeung at 2829 3180.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Cheung', with a large loop at the top and a tail that extends to the right.

Jay Cheung  
for Director of Immigration