

Home Affairs Bureau statement on honorarium for Liaison Assistants

In response to media enquiries on recruitment of Liaison Assistants to provide hospitality services to guests visiting Hong Kong during the 2008 Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events to be in Hong Kong in August and September, a Home Affairs Bureau spokesman said today (March 10) the lump-sum honorarium would be paid upon satisfactory completion of service.

"It is to serve as a recognition of the special nature of work which involves unsocial, long and irregular hours including working on Saturdays and Sundays; outdoor work and work at various places, a considerable amount of overtime work and the preparation work before the actual working days.

"Civil servants are recruited for security reasons and that they have the experience of large-scale government operations.

"This practice of recruiting civil servants is in line with previous practices when major events, such as ITU Telecom World 2006 and WTO' s Sixth Ministerial Conference, were held in Hong Kong.

"Other than the lump-sum honorarium, the Government will not pay transportation, subsistence, overtime or shift duty allowance and will not grant time-off in lieu of allowance," the spokesman said.

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