

**Implementation of the Pilot Scheme on Immigration Facilitation for
Visitors Participating in Short-term Activities in Designated Sectors (the “Pilot Scheme”)
later renamed as (“the STV Scheme”) with Expanded Scope of Facilitation**

Criteria / Terms		Current Practice		Updated Practice	
		Without Remuneration	With Remuneration (Employment Visa)	Without Remuneration	With Remuneration (the Scheme)
Duties:		specified short-term activities including delivery of speeches/presentations			
Target participants:	non-local speakers	✓		✓	
	With valid visiting visa/entry permit to visit HK *	✓		✓	
	Employment visa	Waived	Required	Waived	Waived (Invitation letter issued by University)
Cap on the no. of events:		1		Removed	
Overall quota:		Not applicable		Not applicable	Max. 4 times within 1 calendar year per visitor
Duration: (counting from the day when the speakers start to participate in such activities upon each arrival)		7 calendar days		Within 14 consecutive calendar days	
Remuneration:		No	Honorarium	No	Honorarium
Other assistance:	(i) Subsistence allowance ** (ii) Airfare **	✓	To specify if other assistance, such as (i) and (ii), to be paid separately	✓	To specify if other assistance, such as (i) and (ii), to be paid separately

* Foreign nationals who cannot enjoy visa-free visit to Hong Kong will need to apply for a visitor visa/entry permit.

** Arrangements on payments for subsistence allowance and airfare should refer to Finance Office’s guidelines on reimbursement of expense under the scheme.