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# TOURISM REGULATIONS IN THE MT. KUMGANG SPECIAL ZONE FOR INTERNATIONAL TOURISM

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## Article 1 (Objective)

These Regulations are formulated for the purpose of providing strict guidelines for the tourism in the Mt. Kungang Special Zone for International Tourism, thereby creating environment and conditions favourable for tourism and fully affording convenience to the tourists.

## Article 2 (Applicability)

These Regulations shall be applicable to the businesses (branches and offices included) established in the Mt. Kungang Special Zone for International Tourism (the SZIT) and the citizens of the DPRK, foreigners, south Koreans and overseas Koreans (the tourists) touring therein.

## Article 3 (Tourists)

The SZIT shall be open for everyone without any discrimination as to their nationality, sex, age, political views and religious belief.

## Article 4 (Guidance organ)

Guidance of tourism in the SZIT shall be undertaken by the central guidance organ of the Mt. Kungang Special Zone for the International Tourism (the SZIT guidance organ).

## Article 5 (Management organ)

Tourism in the SZIT shall be placed under the unified administration of the management committee of the SZIT (the SZIT management committee).

The SZIT management committee may conduct such work of tourism as promotion, attracting of tourists and provision of guide service through the travel company of the Mt. Kungang Special Zone for International Tourism (the SZIT travel company).

## Article 6 (Provision of guides)

Guides in the SZIT shall be provided by the SZIT travel company.

The SZIT travel company may, for the purpose of promoting tourism, establish branches or offices in the DPRK or foreign countries subject to the approval of the SZIT guidance organ.

## Article 7 (Functions of the SZIT travel company)

The SZIT travel company shall perform the following functions:

1. To conduct tourism promotion, attracting of tourists and organization of tour;
2. To contact with and conclude contracts with the World Tourism Organization, travel companies and tourist bodies of foreign countries, and domestic travel companies;
3. To prepare tourism schedule, receive tourists and provide guides;

4. To publicize service businesses;
5. To protect the personal safety and property of tourists; and
6. To carry out other work arising in connection with guide service.

#### Article 8 (Conclusion of tourism contracts, notification of receipt of tourists)

The SZIT travel company shall notify the SZIT management committee in good time of the conclusion of tourism contracts and receipt of tourists.

#### Article 9 (Duties of guides)

The duties of guides shall be:

1. To provide guide in accordance with the tourist schedule;
2. To prevent accidents and in case of occurrence thereof, take required measures;
3. To respect the national and religious customs and practices, and political views of the tourists; and
4. To inform the tourists of the rules to be observed by them and ensure that they are voluntarily abided by.

#### Article 10 (Application for tour of the SZIT)

The citizens of the DPRK, foreigners, south Koreans and overseas Koreans that wish to tour the SZIT shall file an application with the SZIT travel company (branches and offices included). Application may be submitted through a foreign travel company.

#### Article 11 (Issuance of tourist certificates)

Persons that wish to tour the SZIT may enter or depart from the SZIT with a tourist certificate.

Tourist certificates shall be issued by the SZIT management committee.

#### Article 12 (Forms and ways of tourism)

Tourism in the SZIT may be practiced in such forms and ways as mountain climbing, sightseeing, swimming, recreation, experiencing, amusement, sport and curative treatment.

Tourists may freely practise tourism in the SZIT.

#### Article 13 (Rights and duties of tourists)

Tourist shall have the following rights and duties:

1. To have their lives and property protected;
2. To be provided services specified in the contract concerned;
3. To claim indemnity for the breach of a contract;
4. To refrain from causing damage to or destruction of historic sites and relics, and natural monuments;
5. To refrain from catching or killing animals, collecting plants or polluting the environment;
6. To refrain from committing any act of spying out State or military secrets; and
7. To voluntarily observe the tourism regulations.

#### Article 14 (Creation of environment and conditions for tourism)

The SZIT guidance organ and management committee shall create good environment and provide sufficient conditions for tourism and raise the level of guide service so that tourists may practise tourism satisfactorily.

#### Article 15 (Provision of traffic conditions)

The SZIT guidance organ and management committee shall provide sufficient conditions for the entry and departure of tourists.

#### Article 16 (Operation of service facilities)

Such tourist service facilities as accommodations, restaurants, shops, casinos, golf courses, nightclubs, amusement places and curative treatment facilities may be set up and operated in the SZIT.

#### Article 17 (Hosting of international gatherings)

The SZIT may host various types of events like international meetings, expositions, exhibitions, symposiums, art performances and sports games.

#### Article 18 (Development of tourism resources)

Development of tourism resources such as excavation or discovery of historic sites and relics, and natural monuments may be conducted in the SZIT under contract between the SZIT management committee and the institutions and enterprises concerned of the DPRK or foreign corporate bodies and individuals, and overseas Koreans.

Where a development project is likely to cause the destruction of natural ecosystem or the environment for the touring thereof, such project shall not be permitted.

#### Article 19 (Requirements to be met in development of tourism resources)

The following requirements shall be met in developing tourism resources:

1. Conformity with the master plan for the development of the SZIT shall be ensured;
2. Buildings and facilities that spoil the landscape of the SZIT or interfere with the protection of environment shall not be built;
3. Tourism resources shall be preserved and protected on a scientific and technical basis; and
4. Law and regulations in respect of the SZIT shall be observed.

#### Article 20 (Training of tourism experts)

The SZIT guidance organ shall properly work out and carry out a plan for the training of experts in the sector of tourism in a far-sighted manner.

#### Article 21 (Compensation for damage)

Where the SZIT travel company and the service business concerned failed to provide the service as stipulated in the contract, due compensation shall be made.

#### Article 22 (Administrative liability)

Any act of causing hindrance to the work of tourism, damage to the tourism resources and pollution of environment shall lead to such administrative liability as fines and suspension of business.

#### Article 23 (Penal liability)

Where national security and public order have been seriously violated through acting against these Regulations, penal liability shall be imposed in accordance with the relevant law.

#### Article 24 (Complaints, settlement thereof)

Tourists may, if any, lodge any complaint concerning tourism with the SZIT management committee or the guidance organ.

The institution shall settle the complaint and notify the results to the complainant within 30 days of receipt thereof