

Tourism Now Allowed as Business Objective

In the past, the Department of Business Development (“**DBD**”) did not allow registering the “tourism” as a business objective of a legal entity unless such entity was first approved by the Department of Tourism (“**DOT**”) to do the tourism business. The DBD also did not allow using the term “tourism business” as the name or part of the name of a legal entity.

However, under the Regulation No. 17 dated 17 July 2018 of the DBD, it is now possible for a legal entity to register the “tourism” business as part of its business objectives without first obtaining prior approval from the DOT.

Despite the said regulations, a legal entity with a tourism business objective can start operating the tourism business only after it has obtained an approval from the DOT pursuant to the Tourism Business and Tourist Guide Act B.E. 2551.



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