

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

### No. 1

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 October 2000 at 2:30 pm

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#### Members present:

President

The Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, GBS, JP

The Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP

The Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, JP

The Hon David CHU Yu-lin

The Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

The Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Ir Dr the Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP

The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

The Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP

The Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP

Dr the Hon David LI Kwok-po, JP

The Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

Dr the Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP

The Hon NG Leung-sing

Prof the Hon NG Ching-fai

The Hon Margaret NG

The Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, JP

The Hon James TO Kun-sun

The Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

The Hon HUI Cheung-ching

The Hon CHAN Kwok-keung

The Hon CHAN Yuen-han

The Hon Bernard CHAN

The Hon CHAN Kam-lam

The Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP

The Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

The Hon SIN Chung-kai

The Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP

Dr the Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong

The Hon WONG Yung-kan

The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, JP

The Hon Howard YOUNG, JP

Dr the Hon YEUNG Sum

The Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung

The Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP

The Hon LAU Kong-wah

The Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP

The Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-yea, JP

The Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, JP

The Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

The Hon CHOY So-yuk

The Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

The Hon SZETO Wah

The Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP

The Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP  
The Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP  
Dr the Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP  
The Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP  
The Hon LI Fung-ying, JP  
The Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS  
The Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP  
The Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
The Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
The Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP  
Dr the Hon LO Wing-lok  
The Hon WONG Sing-chi  
The Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee  
The Hon IP Kwok-him, JP  
The Hon LAU Ping-cheung

**Clerks in attendance:**

Mr Ricky FUNG Choi-cheung, JP, Secretary General  
Mr Ray CHAN Yum-mou, Assistant Secretary General (3)

### **Taking of Legislative Council Oath**

Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, Hon David CHU Yu-lin, Hon Albert HO Chun-yan, Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, Hon LEE Cheuk-yan, Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, Hon NG Leung-sing, Hon Margaret NG, Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, Hon James TO Kun-sun, Hon CHAN Kwok-keung, Hon Bernard CHAN, Hon CHAN Kam-lam, Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Hon SIN Chung-kai, Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, Hon WONG Yung-kan, Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, Hon Howard YOUNG, Dr Hon YEUNG Sum, Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, Hon LAU Chin-shek, Hon LAU Kong-wah, Hon LAU Wong-fat, Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye, Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, Hon CHOY So-yuk, Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo, Hon SZETO Wah, Hon LAW Chi-kwong, Hon TAM Yiu-chung, Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, Hon LI Fung-ying, Hon Henry WU King-cheong, Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, Dr Hon LO Wing-lok, Hon WONG Sing-chi, Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, Hon IP Kwok-him and Hon LAU Ping-cheung took the Legislative Council Oath.

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, Prof Hon NG Ching-fai, Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong, Hon HUI Cheung-ching, Hon CHAN Yuen-han, Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung, Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung, Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip and Hon LEUNG Fu-wah made the Legislative Council Affirmation.

### **Election of President**

In accordance with Rule 1A of the Rules of Procedure, Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou was the Member presiding over the election of the President of the Legislative Council.

Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou stated that two valid nominations for the office of President had been received. The nominees, in the order of receipt of the nominations by the Clerk, were Hon Mrs Rita FAN and Hon Andrew WONG. Hon Mrs Rita FAN was nominated by Hon James TIEN and seconded by Hon TSANG Yok-sing, Dr Hon Philip WONG, Hon Ambrose LAU, Hon Eric LI, Hon LI Fung-ying, Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, Hon Bernard CHAN, Hon NG Leung-sing, Ir Dr Hon HO Chung-tai and Prof Hon NG Ching-fai. Hon Andrew WONG was nominated by Hon Margaret NG and seconded by Hon James TO, Hon LAW Chi-kwong and Hon SIN Chung-kai. In accordance with the election procedure, Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou ordered a vote by secret ballot.

A Member asked whether the two nominees were allowed to make speeches and answer questions. Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou replied that the election procedure stipulated in the Rules of Procedure did not provide for a nominee to express views or

make speeches during the election. It was therefore not appropriate to invite two nominees to speak.

Each Member present, including Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, was then given a ballot paper.

After the ballot papers had been collected from Members, Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou invited Hon James TIEN and Hon Margaret Ng, who made the nominations, to join him in overseeing the counting of votes.

After counting the ballot papers in front of all the Members present, the Clerk reported the voting result to Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, who checked the result for confirmation. He announced that Hon Mrs Rita FAN received 38 votes and Hon Andrew WONG 21 votes. He then declared Hon Mrs Rita FAN elected the President of the Legislative Council.

The President then took the chair and addressed the Council.

### **Tabling of Papers**

The following papers were laid on the table pursuant to Rule 21(2) of the Rules of Procedure:

| <b><u>Subsidiary Legislation / Instruments</u></b>   | <b><u>L.N. No.</u></b> |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. Solicitors' Accounts (Amendment) Rules 2000<br>(gazetted on 30.6.2000)  | 231/2000               |
| 2. Tax Reserve Certificates (Rate of Interest)<br>(No. 6) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 30.6.2000)  | 232/2000               |
| 3. Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Ordinance<br>2000 (42 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000<br>(gazetted on 7.7.2000)                     | 239/2000               |
| 4. Designation of Museums (Amendment) Order 2000<br>(gazetted on 21.7.2000)  | 240/2000               |
| 5. Customs and Excise Service Children's Education<br>Trust Fund Ordinance (Cap.551) (Commencement)<br>Notice 2000 (gazetted on 21.7.2000) | 241/2000               |
| 6. Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance<br>2000 (69 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000<br>(gazetted on 21.7.2000)                    | 242/2000               |
| 7. Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) Ordinance<br>2000 (57 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000<br>(gazetted on 28.7.2000)                   | 243/2000               |

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| 8. Dutiable Commodities (Exempted Quantities) Notice (gazetted on 28.7.2000)  | 244/2000 |
| 9. Employees' Compensation (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance 2000 (52 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 28.7.2000)                   | 245/2000 |
| 10. Tax Reserve Certificates (Rate of Interest) (No. 7) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 4.8.2000)  | 246/2000 |
| 11. District Court (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (28 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 4.8.2000)                                    | 247/2000 |
| 12. Rules of the District Court (L.N. 186 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 4.8.2000)  | 248/2000 |
| 13. District Court Civil Procedure (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2000 (L.N. 187 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 4.8.2000)           | 249/2000 |
| 14. Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 11.8.2000)  | 250/2000 |
| 15. Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Fees) Regulation (L.N. 153 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 11.8.2000)                      | 251/2000 |
| 16. Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Registration) Regulation (L.N. 154 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 11.8.2000)              | 252/2000 |
| 17. Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Discipline) Regulation (L.N. 155 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 11.8.2000)                | 253/2000 |
| 18. Financial Resources Rules (Exemption) (No. 2) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 12.8.2000)   | 254/2000 |
| 19. Antiquities and Monuments (Declaration of Historical Buildings) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 18.8.2000)   | 255/2000 |
| 20. Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Civic Centres) (Amendment of Thirteenth Schedule) (No.2) Order 2000 (gazetted on 25.8.2000) | 256/2000 |
| 21. Statutes of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Statutes 2000 (gazetted on 25.8.2000)   | 257/2000 |

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| 22. Tax Reserve Certificates (Rate of Interest) (No. 8) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 1.9.2000)   | 258/2000 |
| 23. Buildings (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (39 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 1.9.2000)  | 259/2000 |
| 24. Employees Retraining Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 22.9.2000)   | 260/2000 |
| 25. Electronic Transactions (Exclusion) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2000 (gazetted on 29.9.2000)   | 261/2000 |
| 26. Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Public Markets) (Designation and Amendment of Tenth Schedule) Order 2000 (gazetted on 29.9.2000) | 262/2000 |
| 27. Declaration of Markets Notice (Amendment) Declaration 2000 (gazetted on 29.9.2000)   | 263/2000 |
| 28. Foreign Lawyers Practice (Amendment) Rules 2000 (gazetted on 29.9.2000)  | 264/2000 |
| 29. Solicitors' Practice (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2000 (gazetted on 29.9.2000)  | 265/2000 |
| 30. Solicitors' Practice (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules 2000 (gazetted on 29.9.2000)  | 266/2000 |
| 31. Banking Ordinance (Declaration under Section 2(14)(d)) (No. 2) Notice 1997 (Repeal) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 29.9.2000)                          | 267/2000 |
| 32. Tax Reserve Certificates (Rate of Interest) (No. 9) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 29.9.2000)  | 268/2000 |
| 33. Witness Protection Ordinance (67 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 29.9.2000)   | 269/2000 |

**Other Papers**

- No.1 - Land Development Corporation  
Annual Report 1999-2000 (published on 25.9.2000)
- No.2 - Report by the Commissioner of Correctional Services on the administration of the Prisoners' Welfare Fund for the year ended 31 March 2000 (published on 26.9.2000)

**Next Meeting**

The President declared that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 11 October 2000 at 2:30 pm.

The Council was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

(Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai)  
President

Council Chamber  
Hong Kong