

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

No. 29

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23 May 2001 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 David CHU Yu-lin

The Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

The Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

The Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, 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 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

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-yee, 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

The Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

**Members absent:**

The Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, JP

Ir Dr the Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP

The Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP

Dr the Hon David LI Kwok-po, JP

The Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, JP

Dr the Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong

**Public officers attending:**

Mr Michael SUEN Ming-yeung, GBS, JP  
The Chief Secretary for Administration

The Honourable Elsie LEUNG Oi-sie, JP  
The Secretary for Justice

Miss Denise YUE Chung-yee, JP  
Secretary for the Treasury

Mr LAM Woon-kwong, GBS, JP  
Secretary for Home Affairs

Mrs Lily YAM KWAN Pui-ying, JP  
Secretary for the Environment and Food

Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, JP  
Secretary for Security

Mr Thomas YIU Kei-chung, JP  
Secretary for Health and Welfare

Ms AU King-chi, JP  
Secretary for Financial Services

**Clerks in attendance:**

Mr Ricky FUNG Choi-cheung, JP, Secretary General

Mr LAW Kam-sang, JP, Deputy Secretary General

Mr Ray CHAN Yum-mou, Assistant Secretary General (3)

### Tabling of Papers

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

<u>Subsidiary Legislation / Instruments</u>	<u>L.N. No.</u>
1. Road Traffic (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulation 2001 (gazetted on 18.5.2001)	97/2001
2. Dangerous Dogs (Identification of Fighting Dogs and Known Dangerous Dogs) Notice (gazetted on 18.5.2001)	98/2001
3. Employees Retraining Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Notice 2001 (gazetted on 18.5.2001)	99/2001
4. Dangerous Drugs, Independent Commission Against Corruption and Police Force (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (68 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2001 (gazetted on 18.5.2001)	100/2001

### Questions

1. Hon Michael MAK asked Question 1.

The Secretary for Health and Welfare replied.

Seven Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Health and Welfare replied.

2. Hon CHOY So-yuk asked Question 2.

The Secretary for the Environment and Food replied.

10 Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for the Environment and Food replied.

3. Dr Hon LO Wing-lok asked Question 3.

The Secretary for Home Affairs replied.

Nine Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Home Affairs replied.

4. Hon Emily LAU asked Question 4.

The Secretary for Security replied.

Eight Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Security replied.

5. Hon LAU Ping-cheung asked Question 5.

The Secretary for the Treasury replied.

Five Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for the Treasury replied.

Written replies to Questions 6 to 20 were tabled for Members' information.

## **Bills**

### **First Reading**

#### **Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2001 Companies (Corporate Rescue) Bill**

The Bills were read the first time and ordered to be set down for Second Reading pursuant to Rule 53(3) of the Rules of Procedure.

### **Second Reading**

#### **Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2001 Companies (Corporate Rescue) Bill**

The Secretary for Financial Services moved the Second Reading and addressed the Council on each of the above two Bills.

Question on the Second Reading proposed. The President stated that in accordance with Rule 54(4) of the Rules of Procedure, the debates on the above Bills were adjourned and the Bills were referred to the House Committee.

## **Members' Motions**

### **Conserving valuable and old trees**

Hon CHOY So-yuk moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

That, as currently the Government does not have a set of effective measures to conserve trees and, as a result, various

kinds of trees in the territory, such as those which are exceptionally old and big, rare and valuable and of historical value and of significance, may be destroyed, damaged or removed for development or other reasons, this Council urges the Government to put forward more effective measures which accord with the preservation and conservation of such valuable and old trees.

Question on the motion proposed.

12 Members and the Secretary for the Environment and Food spoke on the motion.

Hon CHOY So-yuk replied.

Question on the motion put and agreed to.

### **Opposing Japan's textbooks distorting history**

Hon TSANG Yok-sing moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

That this Council strongly condemns the recent approval by Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the history textbooks for lower secondary schools written by a right-wing group, which brazenly distort the historical facts of Japan's invasion of its neighbouring countries during the Second World War and embellish Japan's acts of aggression; this Council considers that the Japanese Government must totally abandon militarism, face up to the historical facts, and offer its sincere apologies and reasonable compensation to the countries and people who were subjected to its invasion during the Second World War.

Question on the motion proposed.

One Member spoke on the motion.

At 5:43 pm, the President's Deputy took the chair during the temporary absence of the President.

Another 13 Members spoke on the motion.

At 7:05 pm, the President resumed the chair.

Seven further Members spoke on the motion.

Hon TSANG Yok-sing replied.

Question on the motion put and agreed to.

**Next Meeting**

The President declared that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 30 May 2001 at 2:30 pm.

The Council was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

(Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai)  
President

Council Chamber  
Hong Kong