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Panel on Trade and Industry

**Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, at 12:00 noon
in the Legislative Council Chamber**

Members present : Hon HUI Cheung-ching (Deputy Chairman)
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP
Hon NG Leung-sing
Prof Hon NG Ching-fai
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon CHOY So-yuk
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS

Members absent : Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP (Chairman)
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, JP

Clerk in Attendance : Ms LEUNG Siu-kum
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)4

Staff in Attendance : Ms Pauline NG
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Connie SZETO
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)1

Ms Rosalind MA
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)6

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Mr NG Leung-sing, the member who has the highest precedence among the members present, presided at the election of the Chairman of the Trade and Industry Panel for the 2000-2001 session.

2. Mr NG Leung-sing invited nominations for the chairmanship. Mr Kenneth TING was nominated by Mr CHAN Kam-lam and seconded by Mrs Sophie LEUNG. As Mr Kenneth TING was out of town for other commitment and could not attend the meeting, Mrs Sophie LEUNG informed the Panel that Mr Kenneth TING had stated his acceptance of the nomination.

3. There being no other nomination, Mr NG Leung-sing declared Mr Kenneth TING elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2000-2001 session.

4. Mr NG Leung-sing continued to take the chair and called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr HUI Cheung-ching was nominated by Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong and seconded by Mrs Sophie LEUNG. Mr HUI Cheung-ching accepted the nomination.

5. There being no other nomination, Mr NG Leung-sing declared Mr HUI Cheung-ching elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2000-2001 session.

6. Mr HUI Cheung-ching took the chair.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2000-2001 session

7. Members noted that the policy briefing by the Secretary for Commerce and Industry on commercial and industrial matters would be held on 16 October 2000 at 10:15 am.

8. Members agreed that future meetings of the Panel would be held on the second Monday of each month at 4:30 pm.

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

9. Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on 13 November 2000 at 4:30 pm to discuss the following items:

- (i) The Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation Bill;
- (ii) Patents and Registered Designs (Amendment) Bill; and
- (iii) Innovation and Technology Fund.

10. Members noted that the Secretary for Commerce and Industry would invite members to lunch with the heads of the Overseas Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices (ETO) on 27 November 2000. Members agreed that a meeting should be held on the same day at 2:30 pm to receive briefings from the heads of ETOs on their work.

IV. Any other business

Changes of the name and terms of reference of the Panel

11. Members noted that with effect from 1 July 2000, the English name of the Trade and Industry Bureau had been changed to Commerce and Industry Bureau. Besides trade and industrial matters, the Bureau had also taken up the general policy for the development of commerce. In order that the name and terms of reference of the Panel would be in line with the corresponding Bureau, members agreed that the English and Chinese name of the Panel should be changed to Commerce and Industry Panel and 工商事務委員會 respectively. The terms of reference of the Panel had to be changed as well to cover “commerce, industry, business and services promotion, innovation and technology, intellectual property protection and inward investment promotion matters”. Members agreed to incorporate the changes proposed above into a paper on the overall review of Legislative Council Panels to be submitted to the next House Committee meeting on 13 October 2000 for consideration.

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:22 pm.

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