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Panel on Commerce and Industry

**Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 11 October 2001, at 11:50 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP (Chairman)
Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon NG Leung-sing, JP
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS
Hon MA Fung-kwok
- Members absent** : Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Hon CHOY So-yuk
- Clerk in attendance** : Ms Connie SZETO
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)4
- Staff in attendance** : Mr TSANG Siu-cheung
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)7
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I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Mr Kenneth TING, Chairman of the Panel for the 2000-2001 session presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel for the 2001-2002 session. He invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel.

2. Mr Kenneth TING was nominated by Mr Henry WU and seconded by Mr SIN Chung-kai. Mr HUI Cheung-ching, Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2000-2001 session, took over the chair of the meeting. Mr TING accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr Kenneth TING was declared as Chairman of the Panel for the 2001-2002 session.

3. Mr Kenneth TING took over the chair of the meeting and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr HUI Cheung-ching was nominated by Mrs Sophie LEUNG and seconded by Mr NG Leung-sing. Mr HUI accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr HUI Cheung-ching was declared as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2001-2002 session.

II Schedule of meetings for 2001-2002 session

4. Members agreed that the regular meetings of the Panel for the 2001-2002 session would be held on the second Monday of each month at 4:30 pm.

5. Members also agreed that the regular meeting in December 2001 would be held on 10 December 2001 at 2:30 pm to tie in with the visiting schedule of Heads of the Overseas Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices. The Heads would brief the Panel on their work and latest developments on economic matters in the countries concerned.

III Items for discussion at the next meeting

(LC Paper No. CB(1) 12/01-02 (Appendix V) - List of outstanding items)

Special Meeting on 22 October 2001

6. Members agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday, 22 October 2001 at 10:45 am to discuss the Administration's proposal to set up the four Small and Medium Enterprises Funding Schemes. Members noted that the Administration had planned to seek funding approval of the Finance Committee at its meeting scheduled for 9 November 2001.

Regular Meeting on 12 November 2001

7. Members agreed to discuss the following items proposed by the Administration at the next regular Panel meeting scheduled for 12 November 2001:

- (a) Review of certain provisions of the Copyright Ordinance; and
- (b) Proposal of establishing a new exhibition centre at Chek Lap kok.

8. As most of the major initiatives related to commerce and trade in the Chief Executive (CE)'s 2001 Policy Address would be covered in the discussion items already scheduled, Members considered that it was not necessary to invite the Secretary for Commerce and Industry separately to brief the Panel on the policy objectives and work plans under his purview at the next regular Panel meeting.

IV Any other business

9. Mr NG Leung-sing expressed concern about the terrorist attacks on the United States (US) on 11 September 2001 triggering a further slow down in the US economy and adversely affecting Hong Kong's export trade. Members agreed that the Administration should be requested to provide an information paper to assess the impact of the incident on Hong Kong's export trade and to identify measures to address concerns of the export trade sector.

10. Mrs Sophie LEUNG proposed to discuss the Government's initiative to commission helping business studies and regulatory impact assessments as announced in CE's 2001 Policy Address. The initiative aimed at further enhancing the business-friendly environment of Hong Kong. Members agreed to include the item into the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion in future meetings.

11. The meeting ended at 12:05 pm.