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Legislative Council
Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 11 October 2001, at 11:10 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon SIN Chung-kai (Chairman)
Hon Howard YOUNG, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon MA Fung-kwok

Members absent : Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP

Non-Panel members attending : Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS

Clerk in attendance : Miss Polly YEUNG
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)3

Staff in attendance : Ms Pauline NG
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mrs Eleanor CHOW
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)4

Ms Mabel CHAN
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)8

I.   Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

1.   Mr SIN Chung-kai, Chairman of the Panel in office, chaired the meeting and invited nominations for the chairmanship.   Mr SIN Chung-kai was nominated by Mr Kenneth TING Woo-shou and seconded by Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung.   As Mr SIN was nominated for the chairmanship and accepted the nomination, Mr Howard YOUNG, Deputy Chairman of the Panel in office, presided over the election of Chairman.

2.   There being no other nomination, Mr Howard YOUNG declared that Mr SIN Chung-kai was elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2001-2002 session.

3.   Mr SIN Chung-kai took the chair and called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship.   Mr Howard YOUNG was nominated by Mr LAW Chi-kwong and seconded by Dr Philip WONG.   Mr YOUNG accepted the nomination.

4.   There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Mr Howard YOUNG was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2001-2002 session.

II.   Schedule of meetings for the 2001-2002 session

5.   Members agreed that the regular monthly meetings of the Panel would be held on the second Monday of each month at 2:30 pm starting from the month of November 2001.

> (*Post-meeting note*: Panel members have been informed of the schedule of Panel meetings for the 2001-2002 session vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 27/01-02.)

III. Discussion items for next meeting
(List of issues to be considered and list of follow-up actions)

6.   Members agreed that the next Panel meeting would be held on 12 November 2001 at 2:30 pm.   Members then discussed the agenda items for the next meeting.

7.   Members agreed that the Secretary for Information Technology and Broadcasting should be invited to brief the Panel on major policy initiatives under the purview of the Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau.

8.   Dr Philip WONG suggested that the Administration should be requested to report progress on the Cyberport project.   The Chairman advised that the Administration had reported and would continue to report progress of the Cyberport project to the Panel every six month.   Given that the last report was made in July 2001, he said that subject to members' view, the next progress report would be made in January 2002.

9.   Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung suggested that a visit to the Cyberport should be arranged to enable members to have a better understanding on the project. The Chairman advised that the topping-out ceremony at the Cyberport would take place at the end of November 2001 and a site visit could be arranged thereafter.   Miss Emily LAU suggested that the Administration should be requested to organize a debriefing session on the site.   Members agreed that other LegCo Members should be invited to join the visit in due course.

(*Post-meeting note*: A circular inviting members to indicate their availability for the visit was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)52/01-02 on 15 October 2001.)

10.   The Chairman suggested that the provision of intelligent networks for buildings should be brought up for discussion at the next meeting.   Mr Albert CHAN concurred and advised that some companies had approached owners' corporations for the installation of intelligent networks in their buildings but had requested a contract for 20 years.

11.   Mr Albert CHAN also commented that the roll-out of mobile services networks very often lagged behind the population intake of new districts.   The Chairman directed that this issue be included in the Panel's "List of issues to be considered".

12.   After discussion, members agreed on the agenda items for the next meeting as follows -

(a)   Briefing by the Secretary for Information Technology and Broadcasting on the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2001;

(b)   Block vote funding for computerization for 2002-03; and

(c)   Provision of intelligent networks for buildings.

13.   Members noted that item (b) above had been proposed by the Administration for consultation with members before submitting the funding

proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee.

14.   The meeting ended at 11:20 am.

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