

**Summary of discussion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure (CRoP)
on whether a Member of the Council who is also
a Member of the Executive Council may be chairman of CRoP**

At its meeting on 6 January 2003, CRoP resumed the discussion on Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming's motion "That a Member of the Council who is also a Member of the Executive Council may not be the chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure", which had been adjourned from the Committee's previous meeting on 2 December 2002.

2. In the course of discussion, some members expressed the view that it was undesirable to make a decision on the matter in the absence of information on the practice of other legislatures. Neither was it appropriate to take a vote on the motion which was only restricted to the chairmanship of CRoP. After deliberations, members decided not to make a decision on the issue and Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming agreed to withdraw his proposed motion. The meeting unanimously agreed that a study should be conducted on the wider issue of the system of chairmanship of all the committees of the Council, drawing reference from the experience and practice of other legislatures. Such a study should more appropriately be undertaken by the Constitutional Affairs Panel. Members also supported Hon Andrew WONG taking up the matter in the Panel.