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Panel on Security

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 6 May 2003
at 3:30 pm in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon LAU Kong-wah (Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Margaret NG
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

Members absent : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon Howard YOUNG, JP
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP

Public Officers attending : **Item IV**

Security Bureau

Mr Michael WONG
Deputy Secretary

Mr Alan CHU
Principal Assistant Secretary

Immigration Department

Mr WAI Chuen
Commander, Border Division

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Items IV and V

Mrs Marigold LAU
Project Director, Architectural Services Department

Item V

Security Bureau

Miss Eliza YAU
Principal Assistant Secretary (E)

Hong Kong Police Force

Mr NG Sek-hon, Arthur, JP
Director of Finance, Administration and Planning

Mr CHEUNG Chi-shum
Regional Commander Marine

Ms Barbara R WILLISON
Chief Superintendent
Planning and Development Branch

Clerk in attendance : Ms Doris CHAN
Chief Assistant Secretary (2) 4

Staff in attendance : Mr LEE Yu-sung
Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1

Miss Mary SO
Senior Assistant Secretary (2) 8

I. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting
(LC Paper No. CB(2)1939/02-03)

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2003 were confirmed.

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II. Information papers issued since the last meeting

(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1757/02-03(01), CB(2)1779/02-03(01), CB(2)1863/02-03(01), CB(2)1956/02-03(01) and CB(2)1975/02-03(01))

2. Members noted the following papers, and did not raise any queries -

- (a) The Administration's proposed scheme of categorization of views of organizations and individuals on specific proposals to implement Article 23 of the Basic Law (LC Paper No. CB(2)1757/02-03(01));
- (b) The Administration's progress report on uploading Police General Orders onto information kiosks in police report rooms (LC Paper No. CB(2)1779/02-03(01));
- (c) Joint submission from Hon Emily LAU and Hon LEE Cheuk-yan on the Administration's proposed scheme of categorization of views of organizations and individuals on specific proposals to implement Article 23 of the Basic Law (LC Paper No. CB(2)1863/02-03(01));
- (d) The Administration's proposed creation of a permanent post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2)/non-civil service position at D2 or equivalent as Administrative Assistant to the Secretary for Security with effect from 1 July 2003 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1956/02-03(01)); and
- (e) A submission from the Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Association complaining about repression of the Association by the Commissioner of Police (LC Paper No. CB(2)1975/02-03(01)).

III. Date of next meeting and items for discussion

(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1915/02-03(01) and (02))

3. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the next regular meeting scheduled for 5 June 2003 -

- (a) Hong Kong's work on combating money laundering and terrorist financing proposed by the Administration; and
- (b) Status of the Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Association in representing Auxiliary Police officers.

4. Mr James TO said that a group of Hong Kong people had been tried in a Mainland court for robbing diamonds from a person in Causeway Bay because they were found to have planned the crime in the Mainland. Mr TO proposed to discuss whether it was appropriate for Mainland authorities to detain and try Hong Kong residents for crimes committed in Hong Kong on the ground that they had planned the

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crimes in the Mainland at a future meeting. In the meantime, the Administration should be requested to provide a paper on its views on the aforesaid court case and whether it had rendered any assistance to the Mainland side. Members agreed.

IV. 3151TB - Installation of air-conditioning system at the Lo Wu Cross Boundary Footbridge
(LC Paper No. CB(2)1915/02-03(03))

5. At the invitation of the Chairman, Deputy Secretary for Security (DS for S) introduced the Administration's paper detailing its plan to install an air-conditioning system at the Lo Wu Cross Boundary Footbridge (the LW Footbridge).

6. Mr James TO said that it was worthwhile to consider renting the exterior walls of the LW Footbridge after it was enclosed and installed with air-conditioning system for advertisements in order to generate extra income. DS for S agreed to consider Mr TO's suggestion.

7. The Chairman noted that the improvement works to the LW Footbridge would commence in the latter half of 2003 and complete by December 2004. In the light of this, the Chairman asked whether the improvement works could be sped up so that passengers did not have to endure two summers without air-conditioning. Project Director, Architectural Services Department replied that a fast-track programme had already been adopted for the improvement works to the LW Footbridge, taking into consideration the need to maintain the normal usage of the footbridge during daytime.

8. Referring to paragraph 10 of the Administration's paper which mentioned that the additional annual recurrent expenditure arising from the project was estimated to be \$1.1 million, Mr Ambrose LAU asked whether this sum only entailed the amount to be borne by the Hong Kong side and the breakdown of the sum.

9. DS for S replied in the positive to Mr LAU's first question. As to Mr LAU's second question, DS for S said that one-half of the \$1.1 million estimated additional annual recurrent expenditure would involve electricity cost, whereas the remaining sum would be maintenance cost.

10. Members supported the project.

V. 242LP - Marine Police Outer Waters District Headquarters and Marine Police North Division at Ma Liu Shui, Sha Tin
(LC Paper No. CB(2)1915/02-03(04))

11. Director of Finance, Administration and Planning briefed members on the supplementary information on the proposal of constructing a purpose-built operational base to accommodate Marine Police Outer Waters District Headquarters (MOWDIST HQs) and Marine Police North Division (MNDIV) on the existing site of MNDIV at

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Ma Liu Shui, Sha Tin.

12. Mr WONG Yung-kun expressed support for the proposal, as the existing MNDIV was far below acceptable standards and the building was also overcrowded with a shortfall of space. Moreover, to continue carrying out repair and renovation works to the existing building of MNDIV was not economical, having regard to the fact that the pace of dilapidation of the temporary structure was faster than the pace of normal maintenance activities.

13. Miss Margaret NG said that members had no objection to the proposal when it was first submitted to the Panel for consideration on 6 March 2003. Members' main concern then was about the long time taken by the Administration to pursue the project, despite the pressing need. Miss NG pointed out that the criteria adopted by the Police in prioritising its buildings projects, as set out in paragraphs 11 to 12 of its paper, still failed to address the concern that the Police had accorded priority to building projects for use by the management over those for use by frontline staff. Miss NG further said that one of the reasons given by the Administration that the deferment of the project was due principally to the difficulty of finding a suitable site was implausible, as the process took a span of almost 10 years from 1986 to 1996.

14. Director of Finance, Administration and Planning responded that there was no question of the Police according priority to building projects for use by the management over those for use by frontline staff. The deferment was indeed due principally to the result of a very difficult site search and competing priorities in the previous years' Public Works Programme. He further said that in determining the priority of its building projects, the Police had been and would continue to carefully consider each case on its merits and consult all parties concerned by adopting a bottom-up approach.

15. Noting that the project cost would be reduced in the region of appropriately \$10 - \$13 million, the Chairman asked where such savings would come from. In reply, Director of Finance, Administration and Planning said that the reduction in the project cost would come from arranging some affected staff to work at the Police Station in Siu Lik Yuen, Sha Tin, instead of arranging on-site reprovisioning, and using less costly building materials.

16. Mr James TO said that the Democratic Party still had reservation about the proposal to construct a purpose-built operational base to accommodate the MOWDIST HQs and the MNDIV on the existing site of MNDIV at Ma Liu Shui, Sha Tin.

17. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:05 pm.