

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

No. 3

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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 October 2003 at 3:00 pm

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### Present:

The Hon TUNG Chee-hwa, JP  
The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

### Members present:

President  
The Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, GBS, JP  
  
The Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP  
  
The Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP  
  
Dr the Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP  
  
The Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
  
The Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
  
Ir Dr the Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP  
  
The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
  
The Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP  
  
Dr the Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, GBS, JP  
  
The Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP  
  
Dr the Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP  
  
The Hon NG Leung-sing, JP

The Hon Margaret NG

The Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, GBS, JP

The Hon James TO Kun-sun

The Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

The Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP

The Hon CHAN Kwok-keung, JP

The Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP

The Hon Bernard CHAN, JP

The Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP

The Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP

The Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

The Hon SIN Chung-kai

The Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP

Dr the Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS

The Hon WONG Yung-kan

The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP

The Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP

The Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS

The Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP

The Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP

The Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP

The Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP

The Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP

The Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

The Hon CHOY So-yuk

The Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

The Hon SZETO Wah

The Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP

Dr the Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP

The Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP

Dr the Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP

The Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP

The Hon LI Fung-ying, JP

The Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP

The Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP

The Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

The Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

The Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP

The Hon WONG Sing-chi

The Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

The Hon IP Kwok-him, JP

The Hon LAU Ping-cheung

The Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

The Hon MA Fung-kwok, JP

**Members absent:**

Dr the Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP

Dr the Hon YEUNG Sum

Dr the Hon LO Wing-lok, JP

**Public officers attending:**

The Hon Donald TSANG Yam-kuen, GBM, JP

The Chief Secretary for Administration

The Hon Henry TANG Ying-yen, GBS, JP

The Financial Secretary

The Hon Elsie LEUNG Oi-sie, GBM, JP  
The Secretary for Justice

The Hon Michael SUEN Ming-yeung, GBS, JP  
Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Prof the Hon Arthur LI Kwok-cheung, GBS, JP  
Secretary for Education and Manpower

Dr the Hon YEOH Eng-kiong, JP  
Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

The Hon Joseph WONG Wing-ping, GBS, JP  
Secretary for the Civil Service

Dr the Hon Patrick HO Chi-ping, JP  
Secretary for Home Affairs

The Hon Stephen IP Shu-kwan, GBS, JP  
Secretary for Economic Development and Labour

Dr the Hon Sarah LIAO Sau-tung, JP  
Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

The Hon Frederick MA Si-hang, JP  
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

The Hon Stephen LAM Sui-lung, JP  
Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

The Hon Ambrose LEE Siu-kwong, IDSM, JP  
Secretary for Security

Prof LAU Siu-kai, JP  
Head, Central Policy Unit

**Clerk in attendance:**

Mr Ricky FUNG Choi-cheung, JP, Secretary General

### **The Chief Executive's Question and Answer Session**

The Chief Executive addressed the Council. He spoke on his feelings about and his analysis of the reasons for the successful completion of China's first manned space mission earlier the same day. He then said that Hong Kong should have confidence in facing difficulties proactively with the support of a strong China. The Administration would learn from the experience in the past few months and would improve its communication with the people in order to achieve social stability and economic development. He hoped that LegCo Members would unite with the Administration and the people to work towards a successful re-engineering of Hong Kong's economy. He then took question from Members.

One Member asked a question and the Chief Executive replied.

At 3:11 pm, while Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong was asking a question, five persons in the Public Gallery took off their jackets to display protest signs on their shirts. As they refused to stop displaying the protest signs, the President ordered that they be removed. Security staff escorted them away from the Chamber accordingly.

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong continued to ask his question and the Chief Executive replied.

Another 14 Members asked questions and the Chief Executive replied.

### **Next Meeting**

The President declared that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 22 October 2003 at 2:30 pm.

The Council was adjourned at 4:16 pm.

(Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai)  
President

Council Chamber  
Hong Kong