# 立法會 Legislative Council

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## **Panel on Constitutional Affairs**

#### Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 9 October 2003 at 9:10 am in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Members present	<ul> <li>Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP (Chairman) Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP (Deputy Chairman) Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan Hon Albert HO Chun-yan Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP Hon NG Leung-sing, JP Hon Margaret NG Hon James TO Kun-sun Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP Hon SIN Chung-kai Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS Hon WONG Yung-kan Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP Dr Hon YEUNG Sum Hon YEUNG Sum Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP Hon CHOY So-yuk Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo Hon SZETO Wah Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP</li> </ul>
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		Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP Hon MA Fung-kwok, JP
Members absent	:	Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP Hon Bernard CHAN, JP Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP Hon IP Kwok-him, JP
Clerk in attendance	:	Mrs Percy MA Chief Assistant Secretary (2)3
Staff in attendance	:	Mr Paul WOO Senior Assistant Secretary (2)3

#### Action

#### I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

#### Election of Chairman

<u>Mr Andrew WONG Wang-fat</u>, Chairman of the Panel for the 2002-2003 session, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2003-2004 session.

2. <u>Mr Andrew WONG Wang-fat</u> was nominated by Mr LAU Ping-cheung and the nomination was seconded by Dr Philip WONG Yu-hong. <u>Mr Andrew</u> <u>WONG Wang-fat</u> accepted the nomination.

3. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u>, Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2002-2003 session, presided at the election and called for other nominations.

4. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> was nominated by Ms Cyd HO and the nomination was seconded by Dr YEUNG Sum. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> accepted the nomination.

5. <u>Mr James TIEN</u>, the member who had the highest precedence among members present, presided at the election and announced a vote by secret ballot. After counting of votes, <u>Mr James TIEN</u> declared Mr Andrew WONG Wang-fat elected as Chairman of the Panel.

#### Election of Deputy Chairman

6. <u>The Chairman</u> called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2003-2004 session.

7. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> was nominated by Miss Margaret NG and the nomination was seconded by Dr YEUNG Sum and Mr Albert HO. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> accepted

the nomination. There being no other nomination, <u>the Chairman</u> declared Ms Emily LAU elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

### II. Schedule of meetings for the 2003-2004 session

8. <u>Members</u> agreed that future regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the third Monday of each month at 2:30 pm.

9. <u>Members</u> noted the meeting schedule for the 2003-2004 session which was tabled at the meeting.

# III. Discussion items for next meeting (Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(2)9/03-04 -- List of outstanding items for discussion)

Review of constitutional development after 2007

10. <u>Mr James TO</u> said that the Panel should discuss the above item as a matter of urgency. He said that the importance of the issue was evidenced by the mass public protest on 1 July 2003 in which many people called for an early constitutional reform. He considered that the Panel would need to schedule more meetings to discuss the item.

11. <u>Mr James TO</u> added that the Research and Library Services Division could be requested to provide relevant research information as and when appropriate to assist the Panel's discussion. <u>Dr YEUNG Sum</u> opined that the Panel should also hold consultation sessions to receive views from the public, including academics and experts in constitutional matters, on the item.

12. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> suggested that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and the Secretariat could hold a preliminary discussion before the next meeting to set out some proposed issues to facilitate future discussion of the Panel. <u>The Chairman</u> considered that it would be more appropriate to defer detailed discussion on how the Panel should proceed with the item to the next meeting. <u>Mr James TIEN</u> supported the Chairman's view.

Subsidiary legislation on printing of names, emblems and photographs on ballot papers

13. <u>The Chairman</u> informed members that the Administration had proposed that the above item be discussed at the next meeting of the Panel.

14. <u>Members</u> agreed that the next regular meeting would be held on 20 October 2003 at 2:30 pm to discuss the following items -

- (a) subsidiary legislation on printing of names, emblems and photographs on ballot papers; and
- (b) way forward for review of constitutional development after 2007.
- 15. The meeting ended at 9:28 am.

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