

Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs
Constitutional Development Task Force
Progress of Work

Introduction

The Constitutional Development Task Force (“the Task Force”) informed this Panel on 16 February 2004 of the progress of the Task Force in meeting organizations and individuals (Paper no. CB(2) 1347/03-04(01)). This paper informs Members of the progress of work since 16 February 2004.

Constitutional Development Website and Newspaper Advertisement

2. In order to facilitate better understanding of, and wider discussion on, the issues of principle and legislative process in the Basic Law relating to constitutional development by the community, the Task Force launched the Constitutional Development Website (the website) on 19 February 2004 (address: www.cab-review.gov.hk). Relevant information on constitutional development, including the Task Force’s papers to the Legislative Council and this Panel, were posted onto the website for the public’s reference. To enable members of the public to express their views, the relevant issues were set out in the website in the form of 12 specific questions. As at 9 March 2004, the website recorded a total page view of over 68 000.

3. In addition, the Task Force placed advertisements in 16 local newspapers on 23 February, 1 March and 8 March respectively, to seek public views on the relevant issues of principle and legislative process.

4. In summary, the Task Force has, since its establishment on 7 January to 10 March 2004, received from the community through various channels more than 400 submissions on issues of principle and legislative process and other views relating to constitutional development.

Meeting Organizations and Individuals

5. As at 10 March 2004, the Task Force has met a total of 33 meeting sessions with different organizations and individuals (details at Annex A), and has received a total of 32 written submissions during or after the meetings. We understand that the Legislative Council Secretariat have attached all these submissions at six Panel papers for Members' reference.

6. From 1 March 2004, copies of written submissions from organizations and individuals that the Task Force has met are deposited at the Public Enquiry Service Centres (PESCs) of five District Offices for public inspection. The five PESCs are at Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Sha Tin and Tsuen Wan respectively. The material will be updated from time to time. A set of the submissions is also deposited with the Secretariat of this Panel on the same day.

7. From 11 March to late March, the Task Force has arranged to meet District Council members of the 18 districts and Election Committee members to listen to their views on the issues of principle and legislative process. The Task Force will continue to meet other organizations and individuals, and expects that this phase of meetings will be completed around the end of March.

Constitutional Development Task Force Secretariat

Constitutional Affairs Bureau

10 March 2004

**Groups / Individuals Met by the
Constitutional Development Task Force
(as at 10 March 2004)**

<u>Group / Individual</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Submission</u>
1. Democratic Party	16.1.2004	See LC Paper Nos. CB(2) 1107/03-04(01) and CB(2)1642/03-04(02)
2. Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong	17.1.2004	See LC Paper No. CB(2)1347/03-04(01)
3. Prof Albert Chen, University of Hong Kong	17.1.2004	See LC Paper No. CB(2) 1107/03-04(01)
4. Article 45 Concern Group	19.1.2004	See LC Paper Nos. CB(2) 1107/03-04(01) and CB(2)1642/03-04(02)
5. Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce	20.1.2004	See LC Paper No. CB(2)1347/03-04(01)
6. Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of District Councils	20.1.2004	See LC Paper No. CB(2)1347/03-04(01) and CB(2)1557/03-04(02)
7. Hong Kong Progressive Alliance	21.1.2004	
8. One Country Two Systems Research Institute	27.1.2004	
9. The Frontier	29.1.2004	See LC Paper No. CB(2)1347/03-04(01)
10. Hong Kong Democratic Development Network	29.1.2004	See LC Paper No. CB(2)1347/03-04(01)
11. Hon David Li	31.1.2004	

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Hon Margaret Ng		
Hon Albert Chan		
Hon Frederick Fung		
Hon Audrey Eu		
12. Hong Kong Policy Research Institute	31.1.2004	See LC Paper No. CB(2)1347/03-04(01)
13. Dr Priscilla Leung Associate Professor, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong	31.1.2004	
Mr Gu Min-kang Assistant Professor, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong		See LC Paper No. CB(2)1347/03-04(01)
Dr Song Sio-chong		See LC Paper No. CB(2)1347/03-04(01)
Dr Zhou Ba-jun		See LC Paper no. CB(2)1557/03-04(02)
14. New Century Forum	3.2.2004	See LC Paper No. CB(2)1347/03-04(01)
15. Liberal Party	11.2.2004	
16. Members of Basic Law Committee	12.2.2004	
Mr Ng Hong-mun		
Mr Wong Po-yan		
Dr Raymond Wu		
Ms Maria Tam		See LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1347/03-04(01) and

<u>Group / Individual</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Submission</u>
		CB(2)1477/03-04
<p>17. Dr James Tang, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Hong Kong</p> <p>Dr Timothy Wong, Research Officer Asia Pacific Research Institute, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</p> <p>Dr Kenneth Chan, Assistant Professor Department of Government and International Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University</p> <p>Mr Ivan Choi, Senior Instructor Department of Government and Public Administration, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</p>	12.2.2004	
<p>18. The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce</p>	13.2.2004	
<p>19. Civic Exchange</p>	13.2.2004	
<p>Hong Kong Democratic Foundation</p>		See LC Paper No. CB(2)1347/03-04(01)
<p>Power for Democracy</p>		See LC Paper No. CB(2)1347/03-04(01)
<p>SynergyNet</p>		See LC Paper No. CB(2)1347/03-04(01)
<p>20. Professor Francis Lui Department of Economics, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology</p> <p>Professor Ho Lok-sang</p>	14.2.2004	

<u>Group / Individual</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Submission</u>
Head, Department of Economics, Lingnan University		
Professor Richard Wong Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Hong Kong		
Professor Ho Yan-ki Professor, Department of Economics and Finance, City University of Hong Kong		
Professor Chan Ka-keung Dean, School of Business and Management, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology		
Professor Fan Yiu-kwan Vice-President (Development), Hong Kong Baptist University		
21. Federation of Hong Kong Industries	18.2.2004	See LC Paper No. CB(2)1557/03-04(02)
22. Heung Yee Kuk	19.2.2004	
23. The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong	20.2.2004	See LC Paper No. CB(2)1557/03-04(02)
24. Dr Hon Eric Li	20.2.2004	See LC Paper No. CB(2)1557/03-04(02)
Hon Ng Leung-sing		See Lc Paper No. CB(2)1557/03-04(02)
Ir Dr Hon Raymond Ho		
Hon Abraham Shek		
Dr Hon Lui Ming-wah		

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Dr Hon Lo Wing-lok		
25. Mr Simon Li	20.2.2004	
26. Mr Cha Chi-ming	20.2.2004	
27. The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions	23.2.2004	See LC Paper No. CB(2)1557/03-04(02)
28. Hon Henry Wu	23.2.2004	
Hon Lau Ping-cheung		See LC Paper No. CB(2)1557/03-04(02)
Hon Michael Mak		
29. Business and Professionals Federation of Hong Kong	5.3.2004	See LC Paper No. CB(2)1642/03-04(02)
30. Anti-Tung Solidarity	5.3.2004	See LC Paper No. CB(2)1642/03-04(02)
31. Professor Liu Pak-wai Pro-Vice-Chancellor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	8.3.2004	
Professor Stephen Cheung Professor, Department of Economics and Finance, City University of Hong Kong		
32. Hon Andrew Wong	8.3.2004	See LC Paper No. CB(2)1685/03-04(01)
33. Hong Kong Bar Association	10.3.2004	