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Panel on Commerce and Industry

**Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 9 October 2003 at 11:50 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP (Chairman)
Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon NG Leung-sing, JP
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, GBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP
Hon MA Fung-kwok, JP

Non-Panel Member : Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
attending

Members absent : Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP

Clerk in attendance : Miss Polly YEUNG
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)3

Staff in attendance : Ms Pauline NG
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mr Arthur CHEUNG
Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2

Ms Debbie YAU
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)1

Mr TSANG Siu-cheung
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)7

Ms Sharon CHAN
Legislative Assistant 6

I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Mr Kenneth TING, Chairman of the Panel for the 2002-2003 session, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel for the 2003-2004 session. He invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel.

2. Mr Kenneth TING was nominated by Mr Henry WU and seconded by Mr HUI Cheung-ching. Mr TING accepted the nomination. Mr HUI Cheung-ching, Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2002-2003 session, took over the chair of the meeting. There being no other nominations, Mr Kenneth TING was declared Chairman of the Panel for the 2003-2004 session.

3. Mr Kenneth TING took over the chair of the meeting and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr HUI Cheung-ching was nominated by Mrs Selina CHOW and seconded by Mr Henry WU. Mr HUI accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr HUI Cheung-ching was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2003-2004 session.

II Schedule of meetings for 2003-2004 session

4. Members agreed to hold the regular meetings of the Panel for the 2003-2004 session on the second Monday of each month at 4:30 pm, except for the meeting in April 2004 which would be rescheduled to Tuesday, 13 April 2003 at 2:30 pm.

III Items for discussion at the next meeting

(LC Paper No. CB(1) 11/03-04 (Appendix V) - List of outstanding items for discussion

LC Paper No. CB(1) 11/03-04 (Appendix VI) - List of follow-up actions)

Regular meeting on 13 October 2003

5. At the suggestion of Mr SIN Chung-kai and Mrs Selina CHOW, the Chairman agreed to invite the Administration to brief the Panel on the latest development and implementation details of the “Mainland and Hong Kong

Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement” (CEPA) at the regular meeting on 13 October 2003.

Regular meeting on 10 November 2003

6. Members agreed to discuss the following items proposed by the Administration at the regular meeting on 10 November 2003:

- (a) Briefing by the Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology; and
- (b) Proposed retention of the supernumerary post of Head of the Hong Kong Guangdong Cooperation Coordination Unit for two years.

7. Mrs Selina CHOW suggested and members agreed that Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) should be invited in due course to update the Panel on Hong Kong’s investment environment and the measures in place to attract foreign investments.

(Post-meeting note: The proposed briefing by InvestHK had been included in the list of outstanding items for discussion of the Panel.)

8. Regarding the discussion item “Update on the activities carried out/to be carried out under the ‘Campaign to re-launch Hong Kong’s economy’ at the special meeting of the Panel on Financial Affairs on 11 October 2003, members noted that members of the Panel on Economic Services, Panel on Commerce and Industry and Panel on Home Affairs, as well as other Legislative Council Members had been invited to the special meeting. In this connection, Mrs Selina CHOW pointed out that at present, many economic-related issues were in fact cross-panel concerns. She expressed her view that these issues might be taken up by the House Committee for discussion.

IV Any other business

9. The Chairman advised that the Administration would provide an information paper to the Panel in due course on its proposal to amend the relevant schedules of the Import and Export Ordinance (Cap.60) and the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap.109) in connection with the appointment of the Global e-Trading Services Ltd for provision of government electronic trading services with effect from January 2004.

(Post-meeting note: The Administration’s proposal to amend the relevant schedules of the aforementioned Ordinances had been issued for members’ reference vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 41/03-04(01) and CB(1) 64/03-04 on 10 and 14 October 2003 respectively.)

10. In addition, the Chairman informed members that two orders would be made by the Administration under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap 362) on watches and piece-knitted garments for the implementation of CEPA so as to meet the country-of-origin marking requirements under CEPA.

(Post-meeting note: The information note on the two orders to be made by the Administration had been issued for members' reference vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 41/03-04(02) on 10 October 2003.)

11. The meeting ended at 12:05 pm.

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