

**Panel on Commerce and Industry**

**List of follow-up actions**  
(position as at 4 December 2003)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Follow-up action required</b>	<b>Administration's response</b>
1. Liberalization of Trade in Services under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA)	13.10.2003	Under Annex 4 of the main text of CEPA, Hong Kong residents after obtaining the Mainland's insurance qualification and being employed or appointed by a Mainland insurance institution would be allowed to engage in the relevant insurance business. A member was concerned on why there was no similar requirement for Hong Kong securities practitioners in the Mainland. The Administration undertook to follow up with the relevant bureau on the practising requirement of the services in question.	The Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau (CITB) has conveyed the member's concern to the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau for consideration and follow-up action and will revert to the Panel in due course.
2. Assessment of performance and benefits of CEPA	13.10.2003	A member expressed concern on the mechanism or indicators that could be adopted to assess the performance and quantify the benefits of CEPA. The Administration indicated that it would study the matter in consultation with the Government Economist.	The Administration's response was circulated for members' reference vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)280/03-04(01) and CB(1) 416/03-04 on 7 and 24 November 2003 respectively.
3. Mainland residents visiting Hong Kong individually in connection with the liberalization of tourism and travel related services under CEPA	13.10.2003	In addressing a member's concern on the possibility of allowing Mainland residents from more provinces to visit Hong Kong individually, the Administration undertook to convey his concern to the Economic Development and Labour Bureau for consideration and follow-up.	CITB has conveyed the member's concern to the Economic Development and Labour Bureau and Security Bureau for consideration and follow-up action and will revert to the Panel in due course.

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4. Expert Groups under the Hong Kong Guangdong Cooperation Joint Conference (Joint Conference)	10.11.2003	The Administration undertook to provide members with a paper outlining the areas of work of the 15 Expert Groups established under the Joint Conference.	The Administration to provide the information when ready
5. Protection and assistance for Hong Kong businessmen doing business in the Mainland	10.11.2003	In addressing a member's concern on the protection and assistance available to Hong Kong businessmen doing business in the Mainland, the Administration was requested to consider the feasibility of setting up a new Expert Group under the Joint Conference to deal with the matter.	The Administration noted the suggestion for consideration.
6. Publicity on trade promotional activities in the Mainland	10.11.2003	A member suggested that the Administration should consider strengthening the publicity of and notify relevant business associations in advance of any trade promotional activities including trade missions for opening up business opportunities in the Mainland.	The Administration to take note of the suggestion
7. Seminars for re-vitalising Hong Kong's economy	10.11.2003	A member suggested that the Administration should consider organizing some seminars with the participation of the business sector to explore the ways for re-vitalizing Hong Kong's economy.	The Administration to take note of the suggestion

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8. Update on the operation of the Applied Research Fund (ARF)	11.12.2000	Members were briefed on the operation of ARF. It was agreed that the Administration would submit quarterly reports to the Panel to keep members informed of the latest development of ARF.	The Administration has issued 10 updates (LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 989/00-01, 1834/00-01, 939/01-02, 1232/01-02(04), 2185/01-02, 24/02-03, 582/02-03, 1415/02-03, 2008/02-03 and 2522/02-03(01)) on the operation of ARF since January 2001. The next report will be due for December 2003/January 2004.

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