

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 15

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13 January 2005 at 3:00 pm

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 James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
The Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Ir Dr the Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, S.B.St.J., JP
The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
The Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP
Dr the Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP
The Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
Dr the Hon LUI Ming-wah, 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 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, JP

Dr the Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS

The Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP

The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP

The Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP

Dr the Hon YEUNG Sum

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, GBS, JP

The Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

The Hon CHOY So-yuk

The Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

The Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP

The Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP

The Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP

The Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP

The Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

The Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, JP

The Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

The Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP

The Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH

The Hon LEE Wing-tat

The Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH

Dr the Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long

The Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP

The Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP

The Hon MA Lik, JP

The Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP

The Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

Dr the Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Dr the Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

The Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP

The Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS

The Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

The Hon CHIM Pui-chung

The Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP

The Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG

The Hon KWONG Chi-kin

The Hon TAM Heung-man

Members absent:

The Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP

The Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

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

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

The Hon John TSANG Chun-wah, JP
Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology

Dr the Hon York CHOW Yat-ngok, SBS
Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

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 on the Policy Address

The Chief Executive attended the Council to reply to questions on matters relating to his policy address.

10 Members asked questions and the Chief Executive replied.

At 3:15 pm, while Hon TAM Yiu-chung was asking a question, there was an uproar caused by two men yelling noisily and continuously in the Public Gallery. The President ordered that the men be removed. Security staff escorted them away from the Chamber accordingly.

Hon TAM Yiu-chung continued to ask his question and the Chief Executive replied.

Hon Albert CHAN asked a question and the Chief Executive replied. Hon Albert CHAN asked a follow-up question and the Chief Executive stated that he would not reply to the follow-up question.

Hon James TO raised a point of order on whether the Chief Executive could refuse to reply to Members' questions. The President stated that it was up to the Chief Executive to decide how to reply to a question.

Hon Albert CHAN said that he would walk out in protest of the Chief Executive's refusal to reply to his question. He then walked out.

Another eight Members asked questions and the Chief Executive replied.

When the Chief Executive was leaving the Chamber, there was an uproar caused by several persons displaying protest banners and yelling loudly in the Public Gallery. The President ordered them to keep quiet and adjourned the meeting after declaring that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 19 January 2005 at 2:30 pm.

The Council was adjourned at 4:14 pm.

(Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai)
President

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Hong Kong