

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 35

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27 June 2005 at 3:00 pm

Present:

The Hon Donald TSANG Yam-kuen, GBM, 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

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 CHAN Kam-lam, JP
The Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
The Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP
The Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP
The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, 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 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 Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, 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 Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP

The Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

The Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

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 Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

The Hon Bernard CHAN, JP

The Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP

Dr the Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS

The Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP

The Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yea, GBS, JP

The Hon MA Lik, JP

Public officers attending:

The Hon Michael SUEN Ming-yeung, GBS, JP
The Chief Secretary for Administration, and
Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

The Hon Henry TANG Ying-yen, GBS, JP

The Financial Secretary

The Hon Elsie LEUNG Oi-sie, GBM, JP
The Secretary for Justice

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

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

The Chief Executive addressed the Council. While he was speaking, Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung displayed a placard with slogans on it.

After the Chief Executive's address, the President ordered Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung to leave the Chamber together with his placard. He refused to comply.

The President stated that Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung had breached the Council's Rules of Procedure by displaying a placard which carried slogans when he was not addressing the Council. She had sent staff to request him to take away the placard when the Chief Executive was addressing the Council, but he had neglected the request. The President then asked Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung again to leave the Chamber with his placard, and stated that he might return to the Chamber after putting away the placard.

Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung responded that he was displaying the placard so that the Chief Executive might see the words on it and that he should not be asked to take away the placard, which was his personal belonging.

As Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung kept refusing to comply with the President's order, the President suspended the meeting at 3:12 pm and left the Chamber with the Chief Executive.

The Council resumed at 3:21 pm.

The President stated that during the break, she had discussed with Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung in her office to see if he would comply with her ruling by removing the placard from the Chamber, because displaying the placard in such manner was inappropriate and was disorderly behaviour. Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung had told her that he would not.

The President then asked Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung again if he would comply with the ruling. Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung refused. The President then ordered him to withdraw immediately from the Council for the remainder of the meeting, since he was behaving in a grossly disorder manner. Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung made a protest against the Chief Executive by tearing apart a copy of a document, and withdrew from the Council with the placard.

The President invited the Chief Executive to attend the meeting.

18 Members asked questions and the Chief Executive replied.

Next Meeting

The President declared that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 29 June 2005 at 11:00 am.

The Council was adjourned at 4:24 pm.

(Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai)
President
21 July 2005

Council Chamber
Hong Kong