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**Subcommittee to Study the Transport Needs of and Provision of
Concessionary Public Transport Fares for Persons with Disabilities**

**Minutes of thirteenth meeting on
Tuesday, 9 October 2007, at 4:30 pm
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Chairman)
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
- Member attending** : Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
- Public Officers attending** : Agenda item II
Mrs Mary MA
Commissioner for Rehabilitation, Labour and
Welfare Bureau
Mrs Avia LAI
Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and
Housing

Mr Don HO
Assistant Commissioner for Transport/
Management and Paratransit

Mr Kenneth MOK
Chief Transport Officer/
Planning/Disabled Transport & Project
Transport Department

**Attendance by
invitation**

: Agenda item II

Equal Opportunities Commission

Mr Raymond TANG Yee-bong
Chairperson

Dr Ferrick CHU Chung-man
Head, Policy & Research

Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation

Mr Alok JAIN
General Manager – Marketing

Ms Sara LAI
Manager – Media & Community Liaison

MTR Corporation Limited

Ms Maggie SO
External Affairs & Government Relations Manager

The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited /
Long Win Bus Company Limited

Mr Tim IP
Operations Director

Mr William HO
Finance and Administration Director

Citybus Limited / New World First Bus Services
Limited

Mr Samuel CHENG
Managing Director

Mr William CHUNG
Head of Operations

New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited

Mr Peter MOK
Executive Director

Mr WONG Wah
Administration Manager

Hong Kong Tramways Limited

Mr Johnny LEUNG
General Manager

Mr David WONG
Operations Manager

Miss Carol CHAN
Planning & Co-ordination Officer (Transport)

Disability Alliance on Concessionary Transport Fares

Mr CHONG Chan-yau
Chairperson
Hong Kong Blind Union

Mr Raco CHENG
Director
Hong Kong Blind Union

Mr Allen CHAN Kam-yuen
The Chairperson of Rehabilitation Policy
Sub-Committee
Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth

Mr Edmond CHAN
Policy Advocacy Officer
Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth

Mr LAW Kin-ping
Representative
Hong Kong Joint Council of Parents of the Mentally
Handicapped

Mr CHEUNG Kin-fai
Chairperson
Rehabilitation Alliance Hong Kong

Ms LAM Fong-ting
General Secretary
Rehabilitation Alliance Hong Kong

Mr Willy LAW Wai-cheung
Vice-Chairperson
Direction Association for The Handicapped

Ms HO Suet-fan
Chairperson
Hong Kong Federation of the Blind

Mr LAM Chun-tak
Vice-Chairperson
Hong Kong Federation of the Blind

Mr CHUNG Shing-bun
Member
Integrated Rehabilitation Service
Christian Family Service Centre

Clerk in attendance : Ms Connie SZETO
Chief Council Secretary (1)6

Staff in attendance : Ms Connie FUNG
Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Ms Sarah YUEN
Senior Council Secretary (1)6

Ms Michelle NIEN
Legislative Assistant (1)9

Action

- I Confirmation of minutes and matters arising**
(LC Paper No. CB(1)2414/06-07 - Minutes of the meeting held on
24 July 2007)

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2007 were confirmed.

II The provision of concessionary public transport fares for persons with disabilities

Meeting with the Administration

(LC Paper No. CB(1)2417/06-07(01) - Information paper provided by the Administration

LC Paper No. CB(1)2417/06-07(02) - List of follow-up actions prepared by the Secretariat)

2. At the Chairman's invitation, the Commissioner for Rehabilitation, Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) said that the Secretary for Labour and Welfare (SLW) met with the Disability Alliance on Concessionary Transport Fares (the Alliance) on 12 September 2007, at which SLW re-iterated LWB's stance towards the provision of concessionary public transport fares (CPTF) to persons with disabilities (PwDs) and agreed that CPTF could help encourage PwDs to go out more to participate in various activities, thereby promoting their full integration into society. She added that while LWB was actively pursuing the CPTF issue hoping that public transport operators (PTOs) could implement CPTF as soon as possible, it would consider the feasibility of subsidizing PwDs in using public transport from the welfare policy perspective. However, this would involve the consideration of additional public expenditure and the demand for other rehabilitation services. The Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing reported on the outcomes of the Administration's discussion with PTOs in early October 2007 on the proposal for CPTF to PwDs put forward by MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) in March 2007 (MTRCL's proposal). She then referred members to PTOs' views on MTRCL's proposal highlighted in the Annex to the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)2417/06-07(01)) and added that while PTOs were concerned about the scale of technical modification required for their internal system hardwares and softwares and hence the costs involved, most of them were willing to provide administrative support if MTRCL's proposal was to be implemented.

Meeting with public transport operators

3. At the Chairman's invitation, representatives of PTOs took turns to state their views on MTRCL's proposal. Members noted that while most PTOs were willing to bear the administrative cost and facilitate the implementation of MTRCL's proposal, none of them were willing to bear the technical and capital expenses involved, including modifications of softwares and hardwares. Moreover, in view of the complexity of establishing the baseline and the time needed, Kowloon Motor Bus (1933) Limited/Long Win Bus Company Limited (KMB/LWB) also suggested considering the option of reimbursing revenue foregone to PTOs (KMB's counter proposal). Under KMB's counter proposal, the Government would reimburse to PTOs the difference between normal fare and concessionary fare after PwDs had used public transport services and enjoyed half

fare. According to KMB/LWB, the advantage of the reimbursement option lay in its simplicity, without involving issues like data collection and baseline establishment. It could also be implemented in a shorter period of time as compared with MTRCL's proposal.

Meeting with PwD groups

4. Members noted the submission from the Alliance tabled at the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The above submission was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)27/07-08 on 10 October 2007.)

5. At the Chairman's invitation, representatives of PwD groups took turns to express their views on the provision of CPTF to PwDs. In gist, they were disappointed at the lack of progress by the Administration and PTOs in taking forward the matter although the subject had been raised since 2001. In particular, contrary to recent media reports and SLW's positive attitude during the meeting with PwDs in September 2007, the Administration had not committed to providing new resources for implementing CPTF for PwDs, and PTOs were still using technical problems as an excuse to refuse participation in MTRCL's proposal. The representatives appealed to the Subcommittee for ensuring provision of CPTF to PwDs without further delay in consideration of the following:

- (a) Since PwDs' incomes were in general low, the provision of CPTF to them was essential to their integration into the community;
- (b) The provision of CPTF to PwDs would incur little cost and might even bring additional revenue to PTOs. In consideration of the great fiscal surplus of the Government and given its decisions to introduce tax reduction and 12-year free education which would involve substantial public expenditure, it could afford providing new resources for the provision of CPTF to PwDs; and
- (c) Technical issues should not be a hurdle if there was a policy decision to provide CPTF to PwDs. Moreover, given the various promotional fare concessions presently offered by MTRCL, there should not be any difficulty for MTRCL's computer system to support a CPTF scheme for PwDs.

6. In this regard, Rehabilitation Alliance Hong Kong opined that the provision of CPTF to PwDs with Government subsidy should only be a transitional arrangement and should be subject to review after implementation for a certain period. In the long run, the Administration should require PTOs to provide CPTF to PwDs in fulfilling their corporate social responsibilities (CSR) through stipulating the relevant requirement in the licences/franchises to PTOs.

Meeting with the Equal Opportunities Commission

7. At the Chairman's invitation, Mr Raymond TANG, Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC), expressed the following views:

- (a) EOC had yet to receive a reply from the Chief Executive to its letter regarding the provision of CPTF to PwDs. Although Government had been encouraging the corporate sector to assume CSR, it was not clear whether Government was willing to follow its own lead in promoting CSR through exercise of its ownership and management rights in MTRCL and Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation to provide CPTF to PwDs and set an example to other PTOs; and
- (b) If society as a whole were to allow financial considerations to override matters of public concern, from heritage conservation to PwDs' rights, the importance of which were recognized internationally, it would represent an ominous sign in the development of societal culture. It was also wrong that the provision of CPTF to PwDs should be held up indefinitely pending examination of technical details, not to mention that technical issues relating to computer systems could be readily resolved. As such, the issue of whether to provide CPTF to PwDs should be considered from a long-term perspective of the community and be pursued without further delay.

Discussion

8. Members in general shared PwD groups' views above, and expressed grave concern about the delay in the provision of CPTF to PwDs. In view of the huge fiscal surplus of the Government, they considered that the matter should be expedited and the technical arrangements involved should not be a problem if Government had a firm commitment. While also concerned about the delay, Ms Miriam LAU recognized that certain progress had been made. Noting PTOs' reservation about MTRCL's proposal, Mr LAU Kong-wah proposed that KMB's counter proposal should be pursued in order to expedite the progress. Dr Fernando CHEUNG, however, had reservation about only pursuing KMB's counter proposal because, in his view, PTOs should provide CPTF to PwDs in fulfilment of their CSR.

9. On KMB's counter proposal, representatives of PTOs in general indicated preference for the proposal. Most of PTOs also confirmed that if the fare collection system, such as concessionary fares for school children, presently available in the Octopus system could be modified to provide CPTF to PwDs, so that little or no technical modifications were required, they were willing to support the provision of CPTF to PwDs according to KMB's counter proposal, and would

consider bearing the insignificant modification costs so incurred.

Follow-up actions

Admin. 10. As a result of the preceding discussion and the deliberation on the way forward, the Subcommittee requested the Administration to take the following actions and report back on the progress in December 2007:

- (a) To actively pursue with PTOs the relevant plan for implementing a CPTF scheme for PwDs by 1 April 2008 the latest, with reference to proposals including KMB's counter proposal;
- (b) In working out the CPTF scheme, the Administration was urged to give regard to the complexity of the proposals, their capital and administrative costs as well as lead time for implementation;
- (c) In taking forward the above tasks, the Administration was requested to note Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung's suggestions as follows –
 - (i) To commission an independent agency or set up a working group to study the technical and financial viability of the proposals of providing CPTF to PwDs, so as to ascertain all relevant details to facilitate selection of the preferred proposal and its implementation including the timetable; and
 - (ii) To provide the financial details which the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau had been studying when examining various options of providing CPTF to PwDs.

11. In this connection, members also agreed to invite SLW and the Secretary for Transport and Housing to attend the meeting of the Subcommittee to be held in December 2007 to discuss related issues. The Chairman said that he would liaise with the two secretaries to fix the date for the meeting.

III Any other business

12. The Subcommittee also agreed to revisit the subject of introducing a new mode of accessible public transport service for PwDs in early 2008.

13. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:25 pm.

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Agenda Item I – Confirmation of minutes and matters arising			
000051 – 000343	Chairman	(a) Opening remarks by the Chairman (b) Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2007 (LC Paper No. CB(1)2414/06-07)	
Agenda Item II – The provision of concessionary public transport fares for persons with disabilities			
<i>Meeting with the Administration</i>			
000344 – 000750	Chairman Administration	Briefing by the Administration on the latest position on its follow-up actions regarding the provision of concessionary public transport fares (CPTF) to persons with disabilities (PwDs) (LC Paper No. CB(1)2417/06-07(01))	
<i>Meeting with public transport operators</i>			
000751 – 001135	Chairman MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL)	Presentation of views	
001136 – 001212	Chairman Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC)	Presentation of views	
001213 – 001431	Chairman The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited/Long Win Bus Company Limited (KMB/LWB)	Presentation of views	
001432 – 001535	Chairman Citybus Limited/New World First Bus Services Limited (Citybus/NWFBS)	Presentation of views	
001536 – 001610	Chairman New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited	Presentation of views	
001611 – 001655	Chairman Hong Kong Tramways Limited	Presentation of views	

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<i>Meeting with persons with disabilities groups</i>			
001656 – 002010	Chairman Hong Kong Blind Union	Presentation of views	
002011 – 002322	Chairman Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth	Presentation of views	
002323 – 002559	Chairman Hong Kong Joint Council of Parents of the Mentally Handicapped	Presentation of views	
002600 – 002847	Chairman Rehabilitation Alliance Hong Kong	Presentation of views	
002848 – 003019	Chairman Direction Association for the Handicapped	Presentation of views	
003020 – 003321	Chairman Hong Kong Federation of the Blind	Presentation of views	
003322 – 003529	Chairman Christian Family Service Centre Integrated Rehabilitation Service	Presentation of views	
<i>Meeting with the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC)</i>			
003530 – 003829	Chairman Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC)	<p>EOC's views as follows:</p> <p>(a) EOC had yet to receive a reply from the Chief Executive to its letter regarding the provision of CPTF to PwDs. Although Government had been encouraging the corporate sector to assume corporate social responsibilities (CSR), it was not clear whether Government was willing to follow its own lead in promoting CSR through exercise of its ownership and management rights in MTRCL and KCRC to provide CPTF to PwDs and set an example to other PTOs; and</p> <p>(b) If society as a whole were to allow financial considerations to override matters of public concern, from heritage conservation to PwDs' rights, the importance of which were recognized internationally, it would represent an ominous sign in the</p>	

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		<p>development of societal culture. It was also wrong that the provision of CPTF to PwDs should be held up indefinitely pending examination of technical details, not to mention that technical issues relating to computer systems could be readily resolved. As such, the issue of whether to provide CPTF to PwDs should be considered from a long-term perspective of the community and be pursued without further delay</p>	
<i>Discussion</i>			
003830 – 004634	Chairman Mr WONG Kwok-hing Administration	<p>(a) Mr WONG Kwok-hing's appreciation for EOC's views above and enquiry about Government's stance regarding the provision of CPTF to PwDs with Government subsidy. His view that in consideration of the substantial fiscal surplus this year, Government should make an early decision to implement a CPTF scheme for PwDs with Government subsidy</p> <p>(b) The Administration's responses as follows:</p> <p>(i) The Chief Secretary for the Administration (CS) had already directed that the provision of CPTF to PwDs, if any, could be funded from the welfare programme (CS's directive). The Secretary for Labour and Welfare (SLW) had also reaffirmed this stance</p> <p>(ii) It was necessary to identify with members and PwD groups the best way to take forward CPTF having regard to other competitive priorities for rehabilitation services and to ascertain and secure the additional funding required</p> <p>(iii) The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (FSTB) had been invited to examine the option provided by MTRCL. Owing to the complexity of technical issues involved, such as establishing the baseline for assessing the surplus or deficit, and the arrangement for apportionment of the necessary administrative cost, time was required to carefully examine all the complex issues</p>	

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004635 – 005337	Chairman Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Administration	<p>(a) Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung expressed regrets that the matter was taking a retrograde step and enquired about the options being studied by the Administration.</p> <p>(b) Mr LEUNG's suggestions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Administration should commission an independent agency or set up a working group to study the technical and financial viability of the proposals of providing CPTF to PwDs, so as to ascertain all relevant details to facilitate selection of the preferred proposal and its implementation including the timetable (ii) The Administration should provide the financial details which FSTB had been studying when examining various options of providing CPTF to PwDs (iii) SLW and the Secretary for Transport and Housing should attend a meeting of the Subcommittee to discuss related issues <p>(c) The Administration's responses as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mr LEUNG's suggestions would be conveyed to the Labour and Welfare Bureau and FSTB for consideration as appropriate (ii) The options being considered included MTRCL's proposal, KMB's counter proposal of reimbursing revenue foregone to PTOs (KMB's counter proposal), and the option under the principle of shared responsibility between the Government and the various PTOs as proposed by some members 	
005338 – 005918	Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG Administration	<p>(a) Dr Fernando CHEUNG echoed EOC's views above, and expressed concerns and views as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) It was a waste of time and resources for all relevant parties to spend such a long time on discussing the provision of CPTF to PwDs without any progress. It was also a shame to Hong Kong for not providing CPTF to PwDs to help 	

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		<p>them integrate into the community because of PTOs' reluctance and the absence of a firm commitment from Government</p> <p>(ii) If Government was willing to take care of PwDs, technical difficulties would not be a hurdle for implementing a CPTF scheme. Government should explain why it had agreed to positively respond to the needs of other sectors of the community while continuing to ignore PwDs' needs</p> <p>(iii) The provision of CPTF to PwDs with Government subsidy should only be a transitional arrangement. In the long run, PTOs should be required to fulfil their CSR and provide CPTF to PwDs</p> <p>(b) The Administration's response that it would continue to actively examine various options of providing CPTF to PwDs</p>	
005919 – 010754	Chairman Mr Andrew CHENG Administration	<p>(a) Mr Andrew CHENG appreciated EOC's views above and expressed concerns and views as follows:</p> <p>(i) It was undesirable that, while MTRCL had readily acceded to its minority shareholders' request for concessionary fares for the elderly in order to secure support for the rail merger, it had refused to provide the same to PwDs</p> <p>(ii) AS the majority shareholder of MTRCL and the sole owner of KCRC, Government could ensure the two railway corporations would take the lead in providing CPTF to PwDs through exercise of its ownership and management rights without the need to first work out the relevant financial arrangement. The Subcommittee should urge the Administration to make a decision on the matter within two months</p> <p>(b) The Administration's response that it had all along been encouraging instead of directing PTOs to provide CPTF to PwDs. PTOs would need to take into account their operating environment and financial situations so as to ensure a balance between</p>	

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		<p>the transport needs of PwDs and the provision of safe, efficient and reliable transport service. Since the two railway corporations had to operate according to prudent commercial principles, the issue on provision of CPTF to PwDs should be decided by their Managing Boards</p>	
010755 – 011231	Chairman Mr LAU Kong-wah Administration	<p>(a) Mr LAU Kong-wah shared members' views above, and expressed concerns and views as follows:</p> <p>(i) In consideration of the complexity of MTRCL's proposal and PTOs' negative response thereto, the Administration should instead actively examine KMB's counter proposal, which might offer a way out to expedite provision of CPTF to PwDs</p> <p>(ii) Technical issues should not be a hurdle against the provision of CPTF to PwDs. In view of the present great fiscal surplus of the Government, the Subcommittee should press for the provision of CPTF to PwDs in the coming financial year</p> <p>(b) The Chairman's echo of Mr LAU's views above. He saw a need to set a target date for the Administration to implement a CPTF scheme for PwDs</p> <p>(c) The Administration's responses as follows:</p> <p>(i) Under MTRCL's proposal, the Administration might get surplus generated from the CPTF scheme because, according to the survey (the Survey) commissioned by the Administration on the travelling characteristics of PwDs in 2006, provision of CPTF to two groups of PwDs would bring additional revenue to PTOs. Under KMB's counter proposal however, even if at the end the CPTF scheme would bring additional revenue to PTOs, Government would still need to reimburse to PTOs the full difference between normal fare and concessionary fare offered to PwDs</p> <p>(ii) It was the Government's rehabilitation policy to promote integration of PwDs</p>	

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		<p>into society. In achieving the objective, PTOs were encouraged to offer fare concession to PwDs in fulfilment of their CSR. The Administration was therefore in support of providing CPTF by PTOs</p>	
011232 – 012304	<p>Chairman Ms Miriam LAU MTRCL KMB/LWB Citybus/NWFBS KCRC New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited Hong Kong Tramways Limited</p>	<p>(a) Ms Miriam LAU's view that by giving a clear undertaking to consider the feasibility of providing CPTF to PwDs from the welfare policy perspective, the Administration had in fact made some progress in pursuing the matter. PTOs' suggestion of using 12 months to collect the data of PwDs using various public transport services for estimating the relevant farebox revenue of each PTO and calculating the amount of deficit or surplus was too long. To expedite provision of CPTF to PwDs, it might be advisable to pursue KMB's counter proposal instead, with PTOs bearing the costs of developing the Octopus system and the technical and capital expenses so arising</p> <p>(b) PTOs indicated preference for KMB's counter proposal in general. Most of them also confirmed that if the fare collection system, such as concessionary fares for school children, presently available in the Octopus system could be modified to provide CPTF to PwDs, so that little or no technical modifications were required, they were willing to support KMB's counter proposal, and would consider bearing the insignificant development costs so incurred</p> <p>(c) MTRCL's representative informed the meeting that Octopus Cards Limited had previously indicated that there would be few technical problems if CPTF for PwDs could be provided using the existing Octopus platform in a way similar to offering concessionary fares to children aged under 12. If CPTF for PwDs could not be implemented using the above way and involved additional system modifications, it might incur development costs.</p>	
012305 – 013052	<p>Chairman Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung Administration</p>	<p>(a) Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung's concerns and views as follows:</p> <p>(i) The Octopus system could provide a convenient platform for providing CPTF to PwDs. The Administration</p>	

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		<p>should actively follow up with the Octopus Cards Limited on the matter</p> <p>(ii) PwDs could enjoy CPTF early if Government made a policy decision in this regard. For example, Government could secure the necessary resources through charging companies higher profits tax. It could also require PTOs to provide CPTF for PwDs through licence or franchise arrangements</p> <p>(iii) It was regretful that while many sectors could benefit from CE's Policy Address 2007-2008, disadvantaged groups such as PwDs were left out</p> <p>(b) The Administration's responses as follows:</p> <p>(i) The Octopus Cards Limited would only be able to precisely assess the scale of system modification required after specific details on the option to provide CPTF to PwDs were available</p> <p>(ii) The Administration had acted in accordance with CS's directive in seeking additional resources for providing CPTF to PwDs. Such efforts would continue</p>	
013053 – 013312	Chairman Mr LAU Kong-wah	Mr LAU Kong-wah's view that KMB's counter proposal should be implemented in April 2008 with Government subsidy	
013313 – 013624	Chairman Rehabilitation Alliance Hong Kong	Rehabilitation Alliance Hong Kong's proposal that if KMB's counter proposal was to be pursued, system modification costs might be obviated by simply requiring PwDs to purchase half-fare Octopus Cards from the Transport Department or PTOs by producing proofs of disability. A CPTF trial scheme could then be launched starting from the following month for a period of six to 12 months for the purpose of ascertaining PwDs' usage of different public transport services and hence the relevant farebox revenue of each PTO foregone to facilitate reimbursement by the Administration	
013625 – 014326	Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG	<p>(a) Dr Fernando CHEUNG's concerns and views as follows:</p> <p>(i) The major cause of the delay in providing CPTF to PwDs was not</p>	

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		<p>technical problems but the absence of a firm commitment from Government. Given the small funding required, Government should allocate resources for implementing a CPFT scheme without further delay</p> <p>(ii) Proposals other than KMB's counter proposal should continue to be pursued because PTOs should be encouraged to provide CPTF to PwDs in fulfilling their CSR</p> <p>(iii) Additional funding should be secured for the provision of CPTF to PwDs so that other rehabilitation services would not be adversely affected</p> <p>(iv) If CPTF could not be provided to PwDs by April 2008, the Subcommittee should move a no-confidence motion in the Council</p> <p>(b) The Chairman's views as follows:</p> <p>(i) The funding required for providing CPTF to PwDs should be small and could be easily worked out in the light of the findings of the Survey if KMB's counter proposal was adopted. A CPTF scheme for PwDs should be implemented with Government subsidy by April 2008 the latest</p> <p>(ii) To avoid further delay due to the need to ascertain details of the resources required and to ensure that other rehabilitation services would not be adversely affected, funding in the form of a special one-off grant should be made available to implement a trial CPTF scheme for PwDs for three years. The trial scheme could help generate useful data to facilitate examination of the long-term option of providing CPTF to PwDs</p>	
014327 – 014442	Chairman Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth	Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth's view that as EOC had rightly pointed out, financial consideration should not be a hurdle against providing CPTF to PwDs. Moreover, while PwDs could greatly benefit, the funding required was small	

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014443 – 014732	Chairman Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung's concerns and views as follows: (a) The provision of CPTF to PwDs hinged on the Government's position. Technical details should not be a hurdle. Nor should the Subcommittee waste time on discussion of such details (b) The Subcommittee had discussed the subject of provision of CPTF to PwDs for a long time but little progress had been made. The Administration should be required to provide within two months a blueprint in this regard	
014733 – 015035	Chairman Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung	Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung's concerns and views as follows: (a) The Subcommittee should not be involved in discussing the technical details of the provision of CPTF to PwDs (b) If it was determined that in principle CPTF should be provided to PwDs, the Administration should undertake to ensure the provision of such with or without PTOs' support	
Agenda Item III – Any other business			
015036 – 015342	Chairman LEUNG Yiu-chung	The way forward and meeting arrangements	