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House Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 13th meeting
held in the Legislative Council Chamber
at 2:30 pm on Friday, 26 January 2007**

Members present :

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, SBS, JP
Hon Margaret NG
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon Bernard CHAN, GBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP

Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH, JP
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, JP
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, SBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon CHIM Pui-chung
Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG
Hon KWONG Chi-kin
Hon TAM Heung-man

Members absent :

Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon MA Lik, GBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP

Clerk in attendance :

Mrs Vivian KAM Clerk to the House Committee

Staff in attendance :

Mr Ricky C C FUNG, JP	Secretary General
Mr Jimmy MA, JP	Legal Adviser
Ms Pauline NG	Assistant Secretary General 1
Mrs Justina LAM	Assistant Secretary General 3
Mr LEE Yu-sung	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1

Mrs Constance LI	Principal Council Secretary (Complaints)
Mr Simon WONG	Chief Public Information Officer
Ms Anita SIT	Chief Council Secretary (1)4
Miss Odelia LEUNG	Chief Council Secretary (2)6
Mr Kelvin LEE	Assistant Legal Adviser 1
Ms Connie FUNG	Assistant Legal Adviser 3
Miss Kitty CHENG	Assistant Legal Adviser 5
Ms Amy YU	Senior Council Secretary (2)3

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I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 12th meeting held on 19 January 2007
(*LC Paper No. CB(2) 935/06-07*)

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

Report by the Chairman on her meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration (CS)

2. The Chairman said that there was nothing special to report.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 19 January 2007

(*LC Paper No. LS 31/06-07*)

3. The Chairman said that the Legal Service Division's report covered two items of subsidiary legislation gazetted on 19 January 2007, i.e. one Order made under the Official Languages Ordinance and tabled in Council on 24 January 2007, and one Regulation made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance which was not required to be tabled in Council.

4. Regarding the United Nations Sanctions (Lebanon) Regulation, the Chairman said that it came within the terms of reference of the Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions. She suggested that the Regulation be referred to the Subcommittee. Members agreed.

5. Ms Margaret NG, Chairman of the Subcommittee, said that the Subcommittee was concerned about the Administration's outstanding response on the issues raised in its draft report. The draft report was forwarded to the

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Administration almost a year ago for comments by the Secretary for Justice. Ms NG requested the Chairman to convey the Subcommittee's concern to CS.

6. The Chairman agreed to raise the matter with CS.

7. Members did not raise any queries on the other item of subsidiary legislation.

8. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for amending the Order was 7 February 2007.

IV. Further business for the Council meeting on 31 January 2007

(a) **Questions**
(*LC Paper No. CB(3) 317/06-07*)

9. The Chairman said that Miss CHOY So-yuk had replaced her previous oral question.

(b) **Bills - resumption of debate on Second Reading, Committee Stage and Third Reading**

Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel Bill

10. The Chairman said that the Bills Committee on the Bill had presented its report to the House Committee at the last meeting. Members did not raise objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill.

V. Business for the Council meeting on 7 February 2007

(a) **Questions**
(*LC Paper No. CB(3) 318/06-07*)

11. The Chairman said that 20 questions (six oral and 14 written) had been scheduled for the meeting.

(b) **Bills - First Reading and moving of Second Reading**

Domicile Bill

12. The Chairman said that the Administration had given notice to present the above Bill to the Council on 7 February 2007. The House Committee would consider the Bill at its meeting on 23 February 2007.

(c) **Government motion**

Proposed resolution to be moved by the Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology (SCIT) under the Import and Export Ordinance

(Wording of the proposed resolution issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 305/06-07 dated 18 January 2007.)

(LC Paper No. LS 30/06-07)

13. The Chairman said that the proposed resolution was for seeking the Council's approval of the Import and Export (Registration) (Amendment) Regulation 2007 to amend Regulation 8 of the Import and Export (Registration) Regulations to exempt the declaration charges relating to gold bars within the meaning of the Imports and Exports Classification List.

14. The Chairman added that the Panel on Commerce and Industry had been briefed on the proposed amendment at its meeting on 21 November 2006 and members supported the proposal.

15. Members did not raise objection to SCIT moving the proposed resolution at the Council meeting.

(d) **Members' motions**

(i) **Motion on "Expediently implementing the construction of cross-boundary transport infrastructures between Hong Kong and the Mainland"**

(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 330/06-07 dated 24 January 2007.)

(ii) **Motion on "Urging the Housing Authority to grant rent remission to public rental housing tenants and expediently reduce the rent"**

(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 329/06-07 dated 24 January 2007.)

16. The Chairman said that the above motions would be moved by Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming and Mr Frederick FUNG respectively, and the wording of the motions had been issued to Members.

17. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the motions was Wednesday, 31 January 2007.

VI. Report of Bills Committees and subcommittees

Report of the Subcommittee on Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Notice 2007 and Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Commencement) Notice 2007

18. Mr KWONG Chi-kin, Chairman of the Subcommittee, said that the purpose of the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Notice 2007 was to amend Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Ordinance by amending the description of work or the qualification requirement for seven existing designated trades and adding a new designated trade, and the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Commencement) Notice 2007 was to appoint 28 February 2007 as the day on which the registration of the trade "Structural Steel Welder" would come into operation.

19. Mr KWONG further said that the Subcommittee had held two meetings and received the views of relevant trade unions. The Subcommittee welcomed the proposed amendments to the description of work for the relevant truck driver trades to make it clear that only truck drivers involved in construction work on construction sites were covered by the Ordinance. The Subcommittee had also considered the proposed qualification requirement for the "Structural Steel Welder" trade. The Subcommittee supported the two Notices and the amendments to the (Amendment of Schedule 1) Notice to be moved by the Administration.

20. Mr KWONG further said that the Subcommittee noted the dissatisfaction expressed by a number of trade unions with the arrangements for the registration of construction workers and had urged the Administration to proactively work with the trade to come up with improvement measures. Mr KWONG added that the Subcommittee had also stressed the need for the Administration to consult the Panel on Manpower before bringing into operation the relevant provisions of the Ordinance concerning the prohibition against unregistered construction workers carrying out construction work on construction sites.

21. The Chairman said that the Subcommittee would provide its written report at the next House Committee meeting on 2 February 2007.

22. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments to the Notices, if any, was Wednesday, 31 January 2007.

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VII. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 936/06-07)

23. The Chairman said that there were nine Bills Committees and seven subcommittees under the House Committee in action.

24. The Chairman invited Members to note that the Bills Committee on City University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Bill 2006 would have to work beyond three months since its commencement.

VIII. Any other business

25. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:39 pm.

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