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Panel on Security

**Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 12 October 2006, at 8:50 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP (Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, SBS, JP
Hon Margaret NG
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
- Members absent** : Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon CHIM Pui-chung
- Clerk in attendance** : Mrs Sharon TONG
Chief Council Secretary (2)1
- Staff in attendance** : Mrs Vivian KAM
Assistant Secretary General 2
- Mr Raymond LAM
Senior Council Secretary (2) 5

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Ms Katherine YUNG
Senior Council Secretary (2) 8

Miss Josephine SO
Council Secretary (2) 1

Miss Helen DIN
Legislative Assistant (2)1

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2006-2007 session

Election of Chairman

Mr James TO, Chairman of the Panel for the 2005-2006 session, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr LAU Kong-wah was nominated by Mr WONG Yung-kan and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong, Mr Howard YOUNG and Mr Andrew LEUNG. Mr LAU Kong-wah accepted the nomination.

2. As there was no other nomination, Mr James TO declared Mr LAU Kong-wah elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2006-2007 session. Mr LAU Kong-wah then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Mr James TO was nominated by Dr Philip WONG and the nomination was seconded by Mr Howard YOUNG. Mr James TO accepted the nomination.

4. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr James TO elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2006-2007 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2006-2007 session

5. Members agreed that regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm. Members also agreed that the meetings on 2 January and 1 May 2007 would be rescheduled.

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

6. Members agreed that the next regular meeting would be held on 7 November 2006 at 2:30 pm to discuss the following items -

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- (a) Report of the Subcommittee on Review of Existing Statutory Provisions on Search and Seizure of Journalistic Material;
- (b) Proposed changes to the requirement of obtaining customer's identification and record keeping in remittance and money-changing transactions; and
- (c) Police's handling of cases of violence against well-known personalities and civil servants in their performance of duties.

7. Ms Emily LAU suggested that the reports of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment should be discussed by the Panel. Her suggestion was supported by the Deputy Chairman. Members agreed that the Chairman would discuss the suggestion with the Chairman of the Panel on Home Affairs.

8. Ms Audrey EU expressed concern about media reports that a recent survey indicated that about one out of five persons in Hong Kong had experienced consumer fraud in the previous year. She suggested that the Administration should be requested to provide a paper on the issue. Members agreed.

9. Members noted that the briefings by the Secretary for Security and Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) on the Chief Executive's 2006-2007 Policy Address had been scheduled for 18 October 2006 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

10. Mr Albert HO expressed concern about recent media reports on the findings of a business corruption survey published by Control Risks and Simmons & Simmons. Members agreed that the ICAC should be requested to provide, for the meeting on 18 October 2006, a copy of the survey report and a paper setting out the ICAC's response to the issues raised in the report, the corruption situation in the business sector of Hong Kong and the ICAC's work in combating such corruption.

11. The meeting ended at 9:10 am.