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**Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Mainland-HKSAR Families**

**Minutes of the first meeting  
held on Friday, 16 January 2009, at 2:00 pm  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Chairman)  
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP  
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP  
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH  
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon CHAN Hak-kan  
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
Hon WONG Yuk-man  
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
- Members absent** : Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun
- Member attending** : Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP
- Clerk in attendance** : Miss Betty MA  
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

**Staff in attendance** : Miss Florence WONG  
Senior Council Secretary (2) 5

Miss Maggie CHIU  
Legislative Assistant (2) 4

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**I. Election of Chairman**

Mr Albert HO, the member who had the highest precedence among those who joined the Subcommittee, presided at the election of Chairman of the Subcommittee. He invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Subcommittee.

Election of Chairman

2. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung nominated Mr LEE Cheuk-yan and the nomination was seconded by Ms Cyd HO. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan accepted the nomination. Mr Abraham SHEK nominated Mrs Regina IP and the nomination was seconded by Mr TAM Yiu-chung. Mrs Regina IP accepted the nomination. As there were two nominations, members cast their votes by secret ballot. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan received nine votes and Mrs Regina IP received six votes. Mr Albert HO declared that Mr LEE Cheuk-yan was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan then took over the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman solicited members' views on the need for a Deputy Chairman. At the suggestion and with the agreement of members, the Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship.

4. Mr Ronny TONG nominated Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung and the nomination was seconded by Cyd HO. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung accepted the nomination. Mr Abraham SHEK nominated Mrs Regina IP and the nomination was seconded by Mr TAM Yiu-chung. Mrs Regina IP accepted the nomination. As there were two nominations, members cast their votes by secret ballot. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung received nine votes and Mrs Regina IP received five votes. The Chairman declared that Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung was elected Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee.

5. The Chairman informed members that, in accordance with Rule 23 of the House Rules, he had accepted Dr LAM Tai-fai's application for late membership on the ground of absence from Hong Kong.

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**II. Name of the Subcommittee**

6. Members deliberated and agreed the name of the Subcommittee should be known as "Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Mainland-HKSAR Families".

**III. Date of next meeting**

7. Members agreed that the Subcommittee would hold regular meetings about once every month. The next meeting would be held on 19 February 2009, and members would be notified of the dates of subsequent meetings in March and April 2009 in due course.

8. Members further agreed that as a start, the Chief Secretary for the Administration should be invited to brief the Subcommittee on the overall population policy relating to the Mainland-Hong Kong families at the next meeting. The Administration should also be requested to provide the following information –

- (a) the relevant bureau(x)/department(s) responsible for the population policy and the impact of the policy on these families; and
- (b) the introduction of new policies and measures in respect of Mainlanders whose family members were Hong Kong residents after the promulgation of the Report of the Task Force on Population Policy in 2003.

9. To facilitate members' discussion, Mr Abraham SHEK suggested that the Research and Library Service Division of the Legislative Council Secretariat should be requested to prepare an information note on the number and characteristics of Mainland-Hong Kong families, and the major problems encountered by these families arising from the population policy. Pointing out that individual Members had difficulties in obtaining information relating to the processing of application for One-way Permits, Ms Audrey EU suggested that the Administration should be requested to provide information on the criteria adopted by the Mainland provincial authorities under which the eligibility of applicants for One-way Permits and the order in which they might settle in Hong Kong were assessed and determined. Members agreed.

10. Mrs Sophie LEUNG expressed concern about the insufficient counselling services provided to Mainlanders before their entering and residing in Hong Kong and suggested that the issue should be followed up at future meetings.

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**IV. Any other business**

11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:22 pm.

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**Proceedings of the first meeting of the  
Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Mainland-HKSAR Families  
on Friday, 16 January 2009, at 2:00 pm  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

<b>Time marker</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>	<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Action required</b>
<i>Agenda item I – Election of Chairman</i>			
000000 - 000730	Mr Albert HO Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Ms Cyd HO Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Mr Abraham SHEK Mrs Regina IP Mr TAM Yiu-chung	Election of Chairman	
000731 - 001237	Chairman Mr Ronny TONG Mr Abraham SHEK Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Mrs Regina IP Clerk	Election of Deputy Chairman	
001238 - 001310	Chairman	Dr LAM Tai-fai's application for late membership	
<i>Agenda item II – Name of the Subcommittee</i>			
001311 - 001531	Chairman Ms Cyd HO Mr Ronny TONG	Name of the Subcommittee	
<i>Agenda item III – Date of next meeting</i>			
001532 - 001642	Chairman	Date of next meeting	
001643 - 001916	Chairman Mr Abraham SHEK Ms Audrey EU	Discussion of agenda items for the next meeting  The Administration to provide an overview of population policy relating to Mainland-Hong Kong families  Information note on the relevant figures and major issues relating to the Mainland-Hong Kong families  Request of information on the criteria adopted by the provincial authorities of the Mainland in approving applications for One-way Permits	
001917 - 002104	Mrs Sophie LEUNG Chairman	Concern on insufficient counselling services provided to Mainlanders before their entering and residing in Hong Kong	
002105 - 002219	Mrs Regina IP Chairman Clerk	Invitation of the Chief Secretary for Administration to attend the next meeting of the Subcommittee.	
002220 - 002302	Clerk Chairman Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung	Dates of subsequent meetings	