

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of follow-up actions (position as at 12 February 2009)

Subject	Date of Meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Progress update on the support measures for small and medium enterprises arising from the global financial turmoil	13.1.2009	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <p>(a) provide, in a comprehensive table format, detail breakdown on the number of applications received, applications approved and being processed, applications rejected and reasons for refusal as well as the total loan amount approved by participating lending institutions and the Trade and Industry Department under the enhanced Small and Medium Enterprises Loan Guarantee Scheme (SGS) and the Special Loan Guarantee Scheme (SpGS) before the Lunar New Year;</p> <p>(b) provide the number and percentage of cases in which participating lending institutes have used loans approved under the SpGS to provide credit facilities to their existing customers whose original unused credit line has been cut or reduced for one reason or another; and</p> <p>(c) regularly update the Panel on (a) and (b) above and provide the breakdown by industries/business sectors, in particular the tourism industry.</p>	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)690/08-09 on 29 January 2009.

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2. Enhancement of economic and trade co-operation between Hong Kong and Taiwan	13.1.2009	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <p>(a) develop performance indicators to assess the effectiveness of the promotion activities of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council's Taipei Office and to regularly update the Panel on progress made in the areas of trade, investment and tourism; and</p> <p>(b) provide relevant papers/information materials relating to the "Economic Forum on the Economic Co-operation and Development for the Mainland, Taiwan and Hong Kong" held on 29 October 2008 organized by the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit of the Financial Secretary's Office.</p>	<p>The Administration to take note and follow up.</p> <p>The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)629/08-09 on 19 January 2009.</p>
3. Annual report on investment promotion	13.1.2009	The Administration was requested to report to the Panel the progress of projects targeted for completion in 2009 by the Invest Hong Kong.	The Administration would keep in view and adjust strategies where necessary. The Administration will follow up as appropriate.