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**Panel on Environmental Affairs**

**Minutes of meeting**  
**held on Tuesday, 14 October 2008, at 9:40 am**  
**in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Chairman)  
Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Deputy Chairman)  
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP  
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP  
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Hon LEE Wing-tat  
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP  
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP  
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP  
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP  
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun
- Members attending** : Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH  
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
- Clerk in attendance** : Miss Becky YU  
Chief Council Secretary (1)1
- Staff in attendance** : Mrs Constance LI  
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mrs Mary TANG  
Senior Council Secretary (1)2

Ms Sarah YUEN  
Senior Council Secretary (1)6

Mr Simon CHEUNG  
Council Secretary (1)1

Ms Alice CHEUNG  
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM  
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Miss Mandy POON  
Legislative Assistant (1)4

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**I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

Election of Chairman

Ir Dr Raymond HO, the member who had the highest precedence among those who joined the Panel, presided over the election of Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session.

2. Ir Dr Raymond HO invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Ms Audrey EU was nominated by Mr LAU Kong-wah and the nomination was seconded by Ms Cyd HO. Ms Audrey EU accepted the nomination.

3. There being no other nominations, Ms Audrey EU was declared Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. Ms Audrey EU took the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr CHAN Hak-kan was nominated by Mr WONG Yung-kan and the nomination was seconded by Ir Dr Raymond HO. Mr CHAN Hak-kan accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr CHAN Hak-kan was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session.

**II Schedule of meetings for the 2008-2009 session**

5. Members noted the proposed schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session, which was tabled at the meeting.

6. Members agreed that all meetings of the Panel would be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 2:30 pm, except for the following -

- (a) meeting in December 2008 would be held on Monday, 15 December 2008, at 4:30 pm;
- (b) meeting in January 2009 would be held on Wednesday, 21 January 2009 at 2:30 pm;
- (c) meeting in March 2009 would be held on Monday, 30 March 2009, at 2:30 pm; and
- (d) meeting in July 2009 would be held on Wednesday, 15 July 2009 at 2:30 pm.

*(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule for the 2008-2009 session was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 24/08-09 on 14 October 2008.)*

### **III Discussion items for the next meeting**

7. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the next regular meeting to be held on Monday, 27 October 2008, at 2:30 pm -

- (a) Technical Memorandum for Allocation of Emission Allowances in respect of Specified Licence;
- (b) 4329DS - Upgrading of Pillar Point sewage treatment works; and
- (c) Possible environmental impacts associated with the proposed extension of the South East New Territories Landfill to the Clear Water Bay Country Park.

8. Referring to the "List of issues suggested to be considered" tabled at the meeting, members agreed to review and include the following additional items to the list for future discussion by the Panel -

- (a) Reusing surplus public fill in reclamation projects in the Mainland – the Administration to provide a report on the latest position of the issue to allay concern about the impact of illegal disposal of fill in marine waters on the marine ecology of Hong Kong;
- (b) Developing environmental industries to create job opportunities – priority should be accorded to discuss the subject given the urgent need to create more job opportunities amid the financial tsunami. Consideration should also be given to introducing a licensing system for waste recyclers;

- (c) Update on measures to improve air quality – the Administration to brief the Panel on the international conventions on air quality applicable to Hong Kong, progress of review of Hong Kong's Air Quality Objectives, and emission reduction targets under the Pearl River Delta Regional Air Quality Management Plan beyond 2010;
- (d) Greenhouse gas emissions and their effects on global warming;
- (e) Update on management of municipal solid waste – the Administration to brief the Panel on the progress of Integrated Waste Management Facilities, and separation of domestic waste following the mandatory provision of refuse storage and material room on each floor of new residential buildings;
- (f) Progress of incentive scheme to encourage the replacement of pre-Euro and Euro I commercial vehicles with Euro IV models – there was concern about the slow progress of the incentive scheme;
- (g) Progress of measures to improve the water quality of Tsuen Wan beaches – the Administration should take measures to improve the water quality of Tsuen Wan beaches with a view to re-opening them to the public;
- (h) Update on management of construction and demolition waste – the Administration to brief the Panel on the progress of measures to deter flytipping; and
- (i) Excessive glare from advertisement boards – the Administration to identify the bureau responsible for the subject before this could be taken up by the relevant Panel.

9. Ms Cyd HO proposed to conduct a duty visit to the Mainland to exchange views with the relevant authorities on cross-border cooperation to improve regional air quality. Professor Patrick LAU added that opportunity should also be taken to study the greening measures implemented in the Mainland. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to look into the feasibility of arranging a duty visit to the Mainland.

Clerk

10. The Chairman reminded members that a special meeting would be held on Friday, 24 October 2008, at 4:30 pm to receive a briefing by the Secretary for the Environment on the relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2008-2009.

#### **IV Any other business**

11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:15 am.