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**Panel on Economic Development and
Panel on Environmental Affairs**

**Minutes of special joint meeting
held on Tuesday, 5 May 2009, at 8:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Members of the Panel on Economic Development

- * Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP (Chairman)
- Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
- Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
- Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
- * Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
- Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
- Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
- Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
- Hon CHIM Pui-chung
- Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP
- Hon Tanya CHAN
- Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
- Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun
- Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP

* Also members of the Panel on Environmental Affairs

Members of the Panel on Environmental Affairs

- Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Chairman)
- Hon James TO Kun-sun
- Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP
- Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
- Hon LEE Wing-tat

Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP

Members absent : Members of the Panel on Economic Development

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP

Members of the Panel on Environmental Affairs

Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Deputy Chairman)
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun

Clerk in attendance : Miss Becky YU
Chief Council Secretary (1)1

Ms Debbie YAU
Chief Council Secretary (1)6

Staff in attendance : Ms Pauline NG
Secretary General

Mrs Constance LI
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mr Simon WONG
Chief Public Information Officer

Mr Timothy TSO
Assistant Legal Adviser 2

Ms Angel SHEK
Senior Council Secretary (1)1

Mrs Mary TANG
Senior Council Secretary (1)2

Miss Mandy POON
Legislative Assistant (1)4

Action

I. Election of Chairman

Mr Jeffrey LAM was elected Chairman of the joint meeting.

II. Proposed duty visit to Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Nansha and Zhuhai from 15 to 18 May 2009

(LC Paper No. CB(1) 1484/08-09(01) - Paper on proposed duty visit to Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Zhuhai from 15 to 18 May 2009 prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat)

2. The Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was for members to exchange views on the proposed duty visit to Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Nansha and Zhuhai from 15 to 18 May 2009. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Secretary General (SG) briefed members on the details of the arrangements and itinerary of the proposed duty visit.

Visit arrangements

3. Ms Miriam LAU suggested that the delegation should set off immediately after the meeting of the House Committee on 15 May 2009 to maximize the time available for duty visits in Shenzhen. Mr Andrew LEUNG and Mr WONG Ting-kwong suggested using border control point in Sha Tau Kok or Man Kam To as they were closer to the Shenzhen facilities to be visited. SG agreed that necessary arrangements would be made for the delegation to leave as early as possible so that there would be more time for visiting relevant facilities.

4. Mr Paul TSE enquired whether members could join part of the duty visit or visit different facilities concurrently in two groups. SG said that the government of Guangdong Province had advised that it might not be possible for delegation members to visit facilities in two separate groups. Ms Emily LAU said that members with or without Hong Kong and Macau Residents Entry and Exit Permit should receive the same treatment in visit arrangements.

5. Mr KAM Nai-wai and Mr Ronny TONG considered the estimated cost of \$6,500 quite high. SG explained that \$6,500 was only an estimated figure based on the rates of subsistence allowance for the respective cities. The Secretariat

would endeavour to keep the actual expenditure within a reasonable range.

6. Ms Emily LAU proposed the subject officers or experts in the relevant Bureaux or Government departments should be invited to join the delegation for providing technical/professional advice on the relevant facilities to be visited. Mr Albert CHAN expressed reservation about the need for inviting Government officials. SG advised that the relevant professional officer(s) could be invited to join the duty visit to provide technical advice on the facilities to be visited.

Visit programme

7. Ms Audrey EU suggested that more facilities relating to environmental protection, such as those in connection with water and power supply, waste recycling, Nansha oil refineries and photovoltaic solar energy technology under the framework of the "Shenzhen-Hong Kong Innovative Circle", should be included in the visit programme. Mr Fred LI said that it would be useful to meet with Mainland officials responsible for the development of the electricity market in Guangdong Province, as the types of fuels to be used would have a direct bearing on the air quality of Hong Kong.

8. Ms Miriam LAU enquired about the possibility of visiting some logistics facilities in Zhuhai in view of the taking forward of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. She suggested that in addition to meeting officials of Guangdong Province, arrangements should also be made for the delegation to exchange views with the staff in charge of the facilities. She also suggested meeting with the relevant Mainland authorities to discuss tourism cooperation between Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta region, such as facilitation measures for visitors. To facilitate members' discussion with the Mainland officials, she hoped that the relevant information would be provided to members in advance. Ms Emily LAU agreed that there should be more opportunities for exchange of views with the relevant officials and facility staff. She requested the Secretariat to prepare background information on the facilities and policy areas under study. Ms Cyd HO considered that members could also exchange views with Mainland officials during lunch and dinner.

9. Noting that the delegation might visit a tertiary institution in Zhuhai, Mr LEE Wing-tat said that arrangements should be made for the delegation to meet with some of the university students. Mr Ronny TONG considered that it might be more useful for the delegation to meet with Hong Kong businessmen operating in Guangdong Province to discuss their problems and ways to tide over the difficult time. Mr Albert CHAN pointed out that university education was outside the purview of the two Panels, and suggested studying the town planning and greening measures in Zhuhai instead.

10. The Chairman suggested that the government of Guangdong Province might apprise the delegation of the "Outline of the Plan for the Reform and Development of the Pearl River Delta (2008-2020)", especially those areas concerning economic development and environmental protection.

11. SG informed members that the government of Guangdong Province was still working on the visit programme and she would relay members' views and suggestions for their consideration. The visit programme would be finalized after the Secretariat staff had conducted a recci on 11 and 12 May 2009. SG also advised that the Secretariat would provide the background information on the facilities and areas to be studied a few days before the visit.

12. In reply to Mr KAM Nai-wai, SG said that tentatively, the meeting with officials of Guangdong Province would be chaired by a Vice-Governor and attended by its bureaux directors responsible for economic development and environmental protection.

13. The Chairman advised the meeting that a paper on the duty visit would be submitted to the House Committee meeting on 8 May 2009.

III. Any other business

14. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:45 am.

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