

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 11 June 2010)

Proposed timing
for discussion

1. Economic and trade co-operation between Hong Kong and Taiwan

The Administration will update members on the latest development of economic and trade co-operation between Hong Kong and Taiwan, in particular the progress made in the areas of trade, investment and tourism, and the effectiveness of the promotion activities of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council's Taipei Office.

20 July 2010

2. Revitalization review of industrial estate and its admission criteria

At the Panel meeting held on 6 July 2004, the Administration was requested to conduct a review on the policy and procedures concerning the admission of industries into the industrial estates and the measures to ensure a level playing field and equitable treatment for interested parties seeking entry into the industrial estates. Members requested the Administration to report the outcome of the review to the Panel in due course. The Administration advised in June 2008 that the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTPC), which managed the industrial estates, was progressing with a strategic study on the revitalization of the industrial estates. The study would review, amongst other things, the admission criteria to the industrial estates and the admission mechanism. The study would be completed in the second quarter of 2010. The Administration would revisit relevant issues and provide a comprehensive report to the Panel after HKSTPC's consultancy study was completed.

November or
December 2010

3. Progress of the World Trade Organization Doha Development Agenda Negotiations

The Administration will update members on the current round of multilateral trade negotiations under the World Trade Organization, as and when there are significant developments.

To be confirmed

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for discussion**

4. Establishing Hong Kong's own standard of patent registration regime

Raised by Hon WONG Ting-kwong at the Panel meeting on 15 December 2009.

To be confirmed

5. Development of the exhibition industry in Hong Kong

At the Panel meeting on 20 April 2010, the Panel discussed the promotion and development of the MICE industry in Hong Kong, its software and hardware infrastructure and the role and function of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (TDC) in the exhibition industry. At members' requests, TDC agreed to step up communication and co-operation with the Asia-World Expo (AWE) as well as consider additional assistance to local SMEs and new companies. Members requested the Administration to report the progress of the above issues in about six months' time.

To be confirmed