

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 12 October 2009)

Proposed timing
for discussion

1. Progress update on the support measures for small and medium enterprises arising from the global financial turmoil

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest position of the small and medium enterprises Loan Guarantee Scheme and the Special Loan Guarantee Scheme.

The Administration will provide a progress report to the Panel.

2. Promoting the development of the testing and certification industry in Hong Kong

The motion on "Promoting the development of the testing and certification industry in Hong Kong" was passed by the Legislative Council at its meeting of 20 May 2009. The progress report provided by the Administration was circulated to all Members on 22 July 2009. The Panel will follow up the issue in the 2009-2010 legislative session.

The Administration will provide an information note to report on the establishment of the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification.

3. Copyright protection in the digital environment

At the Panel meeting held on 15 April 2008, members noted the Administration's preliminary proposals for strengthening copyright protection in the digital environment. The Administration will report to the Panel the results of the ensuing public engagement exercise, including deliberations among stakeholders on a voluntary code of practice for internet service providers to help combat on-line infringements. The Administration will also brief members on the proposed way forward.

November 2009
(To be confirmed)

4. Review on industrial estates policy

At the Panel meeting held on 6 July 2004, the Administration was requested to conduct a review on the policy and procedures

March 2010
(tentative)

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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 fourth quarter of 2009. The Administration would revisit relevant issues and provide a comprehensive report to the Panel in early 2010 after HKSTPC's consultancy study had been completed.

5. Reports on the work of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices and Beijing Office

The Heads of Economic and Trade Offices and the Beijing Office will brief the Panel on their work during the forthcoming annual meeting in Hong Kong.

June 2010
(tentative)

6. Progress report on Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's participation in the World Exposition 2010 Shanghai China

The Administration will update members on the progress and developments of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's participation in the World Exposition 2010 Shanghai China.

To be confirmed

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

The Administration will update members on the latest state of play of the current round of multilateral trade negotiations under the World Trade Organization.

To be confirmed

8. Promotion of inward investment

The Administration and the Director-General of Investment Promotion will give an annual briefing to the Panel on the work of Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) in promoting inward investment and will report to the Panel the key findings of the consultancy study on the comprehensive review on Hong Kong's investment promotion policy.

To be confirmed

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9. Trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong

The Administration will update members on the latest developments of Mainland policies and legislation that will affect HK-owned enterprises. To be confirmed

10. 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. To be confirmed

11. Update on Government's efforts in the promotion and development of MICE industry

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest progress of the promotion and development of MICE industry, and the proposed way forward for the public consultation on Phase 3 development of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. To be confirmed

12. Report on Hong Kong Design Centre's Activities

The Administration and the Executive Director of Hong Kong Design Centre (HKDC) will give an annual briefing to the Panel on the progress of work of HKDC and the relevant initiatives taken to promote design and innovation. To be confirmed