

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 10 December 2009)

Proposed timing
for discussion

1. Copyright protection in the digital environment

The Panel will receive views from deputations and members of the public on the Administration's refined proposals to strengthen copyright protection in the digital environment.

19 January 2010

2. 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 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.

19 January 2010
(Tentative)

3. 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 fourth quarter of 2009. The Administration would revisit relevant issues and provide a comprehensive report to the Panel after HKSTPC's consultancy study was completed.

16 March 2010

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for discussion**

4. Three-year development plan for the testing and certification industry by the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification (HKCTC)

The Administration will brief members on the three-year development plan for the testing and certification industry proposed by the HKCTC and the Administration's response.

20 April 2010

5. Annual progress report of the Research and Development Centres

The Administration will brief members on the annual progress reports from the Research and Development Centres.

18 May 2010

6. 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.

18 May 2010

7. 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 annual meeting in Hong Kong.

15 June 2010

8. Progress update on the implementation of the Road Cargo System

An electronic advance cargo information system for customs clearance of road cargoes (namely, the Road Cargo System (ROCARS)) is expected to be rolled out in early 2010. There will be an 18-month transitional period before the use of ROCARS is made mandatory in the third quarter of 2011. The Administration will report to the Panel the progress made in encouraging early migration to ROCARS.

June / July 2010
(To be confirmed)

9. 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

To be confirmed

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Council's Taipei Office.

10. 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.

To be confirmed

11. Additional convention and exhibition facilities

The Administration will brief the Panel on its assessment of the long-term demand for convention and exhibition infrastructure and plans for the provision of additional facilities, including the proposed way forward for the public consultation on Phase 3 development of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

To be confirmed

12. 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

13. Progress on further liberalization under Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement

The Administration will update Members as and when further liberalization is agreed.

To be confirmed