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Panel on Development

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 15 October 2009, at 11:10 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king
Hon Tanya CHAN
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP

Member attending : Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

Members absent : Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP

Clerk in attendance : Ms Anita SIT
Chief Council Secretary (1)4

Staff in attendance : Mrs Constance LI
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mr WONG Siu-yee
Senior Council Secretary (1)7

Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms Christina SHIU
Legislative Assistant (1)7

Miss Zoe TONG
Clerical Assistant (1)2

Action

I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr LAU Wong-fat, Chairman of the Panel in office, invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Mr CHAN Kam-lam nominated Mr LAU Wong-fat and the nomination was seconded by Dr Priscilla LEUNG and some other members. Mr LAU Wong-fat accepted the nomination. As Mr LAU Wong-fat was being nominated for the chairmanship, Prof Patrick LAU, Deputy Chairman of the Panel in office, took over the chair and presided over the election of Chairman.

3. Prof Patrick LAU invited further nominations for the chairmanship. There being no other nomination, Prof LAU declared that Mr LAU Wong-fat

was elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2009-2010 legislative session. Mr LAU Wong-fat then took over the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship.
5. Ir Dr Raymond HO nominated Prof Patrick LAU and the nomination was seconded by Mr IP Kwok-him and some other members. Prof Patrick LAU accepted the nomination.
6. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Prof Patrick LAU was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2009-2010 legislative session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2009-2010 session

7. The Panel's proposed schedule of regular meetings was tabled at the meeting. Members agreed that the monthly regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm except for the fourth Tuesday of March 2010. As the special meetings of the Finance Committee to examine the Estimates of Expenditure 2010-2011 would be held from 22 to 26 March 2010, the regular meeting in March 2010 would be scheduled for Tuesday, 30 March 2010, at 2:30 pm.

(Post-meeting note: The confirmed meeting schedule was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)40/09-10 on 16 October 2009.)

III. Discussion items for next meeting

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| (Appendix V to | - | List of outstanding items for |
| LC Paper No. CB(1)3/09-10 | | discussion |
| Appendix VI to | - | List of follow-up actions) |
| LC Paper No. CB(1)3/09-10 | | |

8. The Chairman informed members that the Administration proposed the following items for discussion at the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 27 October 2009 at 2:30 pm --

- (a) Enhancing lift safety in Hong Kong and proposal to amend the Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance;
- (b) Optimising the use of industrial buildings to meet Hong Kong's changing economic and social needs; and

- (c) Tamar Development Project.

Members agreed to discuss the above items at the meeting.

9. Members suggested that the following items be discussed by the Panel in future --

- (a) progress of the Kai Tak Development and the Operation Building Bright (suggested by Ms Starry LEE);
- (b) Greening Master Plans for the New Territories (suggested by Mr WONG Kwok-hing);
- (c) planning for the Central District (suggested by Mr IP Kwok-him);
- (d) review of the Application List System (suggested by Mr Albert CHAN);
- (e) phase 3 expansion of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (suggested by Mr Albert HO); and
- (f) improving pedestrian environment in urban districts (suggested by Ms Cyd HO).

10. On item (e), the Chairman advised that the matter was under the purview of the Panel on Commerce and Industry and members of the Panel on Development could be invited to attend when the Panel on Commerce and Industry discussed the subject. Mr Albert HO said that he was mainly concerned with the relevant planning issues and suggested that a joint meeting of the two Panels be held to discuss the subject.

11. On item (f), Ms Cyd HO considered that the subject involved important town planning issues, and suggested that the Panel on Development should hold a joint meeting with the relevant Panel to discuss the subject.

12. Dr Priscilla LEUNG said that for certain sites in West Kowloon, she found that different bureaux/departments had conflicting views on planning matters. A case in point was Site 6 of North West Kowloon Reclamation. She solicited members' views on whether such cases should be discussed by the Panel. Noting that the site was close to the harbourfront, Mrs Sophie LEUNG considered that the Subcommittee on Harbourfront Planning could discuss the planning of the site in the first instance. Members agreed to the arrangement.

13. Members noted that a meeting had been scheduled for Wednesday, 21 October 2009, from 9:30 am to 10:30 am to receive a briefing by the Secretary for Development on the policy initiatives under her portfolio for 2009-2010.

IV. Any other business

14. The Chairman solicited members' views on whether the Subcommittee on Harbourfront Planning, the Joint Subcommittee on Amendments to Land Titles Ordinance and Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project, which had been formed under the Panel and other relevant Panels, should continue with their work in the 2009-2010 legislative session. Members agreed that the three subcommittees should continue with their work. Mrs Sophie LEUNG added that the Subcommittee on Harbourfront Planning should continue with its work because the Administration would brief the Subcommittee on two important projects shortly.

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:30 am.

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