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Panel on Economic Development

**Minutes of meeting held on
Tuesday, 15 October 2009, at 10:30 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon Miriam LAU, GBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon CHIM Pui-chung
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king
Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP
- Members attending** : Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
- Members absent** : Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, SBS, JP
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP
Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau

Clerk in attendance : Ms Debbie YAU
Chief Council Secretary (1)6

Staff in attendance : Mrs Constance LI
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Angel SHEK
Senior Council Secretary (1)1

Miss Constance MAN
Senior Council Secretary (1)8

Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms Michelle NIEN
Legislative Assistant (1)9

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I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman for the 2009-2010 session

Mr Jeffrey LAM, Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session, invited nominations for the chairmanship for the 2009-2010 session.

2. Mr Jeffrey LAM was nominated by Ms Miriam LAU and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Ting-kwong. Mr LAM accepted the nomination. As Mr LAM was nominated for the chairmanship, Ms Starry LEE, Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session, presided over the election.

3. As there was no other nomination, Ms Starry LEE declared that Mr Jeffrey LAM was elected Chairman of the Panel for the session. Mr LAM then took over the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman for the 2009-2010 session

4. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr Paul TSE was nominated by Mr CHAN Kam-lam and the nomination was seconded by Ms Starry LEE. Mr TSE accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Mr TSE was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the session.

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II Schedule of meetings for the 2009-2010 session

5. The Chairman drew members' attention to the proposed schedule of meetings for the 2009-2010 session tabled at the meeting. Members agreed that the regular monthly meetings of the Panel for the 2009-2010 session would be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:45 am. Having regard to the schedules of the Council meetings and special Finance Committee meetings, members agreed to re-schedule the regular meetings in December 2009 and March 2010 to 21 December 2009 and 19 March 2010 respectively and to hold the regular meeting in July 2010 on 19 July 2010.

6. Ms Miriam LAU suggested advancing the December meeting as many members might be out of Hong Kong during the Christmas break. The Clerk advised that as the Administration would normally brief the Panel on the annual tariff reviews with the two power companies in December, the December meeting would normally be scheduled to tie in with the briefing. The meeting decided to advance the regular meeting in December 2009 while a special meeting could be held on 21 December 2009, if necessary.

(Post-meeting note: With the concurrence of the Chairman, the regular meeting of December 2009 was re-scheduled to 4:30 pm on 10 December 2009. The schedule of meetings for the 2009-2010 session was subsequently issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)19/09-10 on 16 October 2009.)

III Items for discussion at next meetings

(Appendix V to LC Paper No. — List of outstanding items for
CB(1)8/09-10 discussion)

Appendix VI to LC Paper No. — List of follow-up actions)
CB(1)8/09-10

Regular meeting in October 2009

7. As the regular meeting in October 2009 would fall on a public holiday and the Administration had not proposed any items for discussion, members agreed that the October meeting would not be held.

Regular meeting in November 2009

8. Members agreed to discuss the following three items proposed by the Administration at the November meeting:

- (a) Proposed amendments to Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance;

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- (b) Briefing on Pilotage (Dues) (Amendment) Order 2009; and
- (c) Proposed fee regulation to be made under the Bunker Oil Pollution (Liability and Compensation) Ordinance.

The Chairman advised that the Administration had requested to advance the November meeting to tie in with the legislative timetable.

9. Ms Miriam LAU said that the legislative proposal on the lowering of the additional pilotage dues for the provision of pilotage services was welcomed by the related industries and should be put in place as early as possible. Mr CHAN Kam-lam supported her view. Members agreed to advance the November meeting to 8:30 am on 16 November 2009.

Other items proposed for discussion

10. Mr Ronny TONG said that the Panel should be updated on the progress of the cruise terminal project at Kai Tak and the development of the cruise industry in Hong Kong.

11. Referring to the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2009-2010 and the Government's plan to carry out a midfield expansion project to provide additional aircraft stands and apron facilities etc, Mrs Regina IP suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on its plan to build a third runway.

12. Mr Albert CHAN requested that the Panel should explore with the Administration the development of hydroplane service between Hong Kong and other cities in the region. He also suggested the Panel discuss the provision of more mooring areas for pleasure vessels, having regard to the demand for the facilities and in the light of overseas experiences.

13. Referring to the protest of the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong (TIC) against the further reduction by two airline companies (i.e. Air France and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines) of the commission for travel agents to zero on 1 April 2010, Mr Paul TSE raised concern whether the commission reduction had violated the Passenger Sales Agreement. He considered that the Administration should look into the matter immediately and discuss with the Panel as early as practicable.

14. Mr Paul TSE further said that he had reservation about the Administration's proposal to remove the item on the collection of air passenger departure and fuel surcharge by travel agents from the list of outstanding items for discussion. He said that the Administration had not addressed the concerns raised in the previous Panel meetings.

15. The Chairman said that he would discuss with the Administration the timing for discussing the issues raised by members.

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III Any other business

- RLSD 16. The Chairman said that as the Administration intended to introduce the Competition Bill into the Legislative Council in the 2009-2010 session, he suggested that the Research and Library Services Division be requested to conduct a study on overseas experiences in implementing competition laws, in order to facilitate members' consideration of the Bill. Members agreed.
17. The Chairman reminded members that the Panel would hold a special meeting on 16 October 2009, 10:30 am to receive policy briefings by the respective bureau secretaries on the policy initiatives relating to economic development in the Chief Executive's 2009-2010 Policy Address.
18. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:48 am.

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