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**Bills Committee on
University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Bill 2010**

**Minutes of the first meeting
held on Friday, 10 December 2010, at 2:10 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Chairman)
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP
Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou
Hon Tanya CHAN
- Members absent** : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
- Clerk in attendance** : Miss Odelia LEUNG
Chief Council Secretary (2)6
- Staff in attendance** : Mr Kelvin LEE
Assistant Legal Adviser 1
- Ms Judy TING
Council Secretary (2)6

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Miss Jenny LEE
Legislative Assistant (2)6 (Acting)

I. Election of Chairman

Dr Raymond HO, the member who had the highest precedence in the Council among those who were present at the meeting, presided over the election of Chairman.

2. Ms Cyd HO was nominated by Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong and the nomination was seconded by Dr David LI and Ms Audrey EU. There being no other nominations, Ms Cyd HO was elected Chairman of the Bills Committee.

3. The Chairman invited members' views on the need for electing a Deputy Chairman. Members considered it not necessary.

4. Dr David LI declared interest as the Pro-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong ("HKU"). Mr James TO declared interest as a member of the Court of HKU elected from among Members of the Legislative Council.

5. The Bills Committee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

II. Date of next meeting

6. Members agreed that as Dr David LI was the member in charge of the Bill, he should be responsible for explaining the Bill to the Bills Committee. Dr LI might invite HKU and other persons to assist him in the process. Where necessary, the Bills Committee would request HKU direct to provide information.

7. Members further agreed that the Education Bureau ("EDB") and the University Grants Committee ("UGC") should be invited to attend meetings of the Bills Committee on a need basis. Members considered that EDB should be invited as the Bill was concerned with the amendments to the role descriptions of the Court and the Council of HKU. Members might wish to have information on the functions and roles of the courts and councils of other UGC-funded institutions. UGC should be invited too as it should listen to the views exchanged in the scrutiny process.

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8. Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on 18 January 2011 at 10:45 am. The representatives of the management, staff and student unions of HKU, EDB and UGC should be invited to the meeting. Members also agreed that Dr David LI would first brief members on the Bill before receiving oral views from deputations at the next meeting.

III. Any other business

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:30 pm.

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Time marker	Speaker	Subject	Action required
000105-000200	Ir Dr Raymond HO Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Ms Cyd HO Dr David LI Ms Audrey EU	Election of Chairman.	
000201-000215	Chairman	Members' agreement not to elect a Deputy Chairman.	
000216-000301	Chairman	Chairman's invitation of members' views on the need to invite deputations such as the management, staff and student unions of the University of Hong Kong ("HKU") to attend the next meeting to give views on the Bill.	
000302-000335	Chairman	Chairman's invitation of members' views on the dates of next meeting, i.e. 7 January or 18 January 2011.	
000336-000438	Ms Audrey EU Dr David LI	Ms Audrey EU's enquiry about the deadline for the passage of the Bill. Dr David LI's response that he hoped that the Bill could be passed as soon as practicable as it had been prepared for more than two years.	
000439-000520	Mr James TO Dr David LI	Declaration of interests.	
000521-000809	Chairman Mr James TO Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Ms Starry LEE	Chairman' enquiry about the role of the member in charge of the Bill in the scrutiny by the Bills Committee. Mr James TO and Mr CHEUNG Man-cheung's view that the member in charge of the Bill should attend meetings of the Bills Committee and should be responsible for explaining the Bill to the Bills Committee. Mr TO's elaboration that the member in charge of the Bill could invite his assistant or representatives of the institution concerned to assist him in the scrutiny process. The Administration should be invited to the meetings if members considered it necessary.	

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000810-001000	Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Ir Dr Raymond HO	<p>Chairman's suggestion of inviting the Education Bureau ("EDB") and the University Grants Committee ("UGC") to the meetings of the Bills Committee.</p> <p>Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong's view that EDB should be invited as the Bill was concerned with the amendments to the role descriptions of the Court and the Council of HKU. Members might wish to have information on the functions and roles of the courts and councils of other UGC-funded institutions. UGC should be invited too as it should listen to the views exchanged in the scrutiny process.</p> <p>Ir Dr Raymond HO's view that Dr David LI could invite assistants to assist him, and EDB and UGC should be invited to the meetings of the Bills Committee.</p>	
001001-001225	Chairman Clerk	<p>Clerk's provision of information that during the scrutiny of the Bills Committees on City University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Bill 2006 and The English Schools Foundation (Amendment) Bill 2007, the respective members in charge of the bills as well as the management of the institutions concerned attended all the meetings. The Administration only attended the meetings on a need basis. Members might wish to decide at each meeting whether the Administration should be invited to attend the next meeting of the Bills Committee.</p> <p>Members' agreement that where necessary, the Bills Committee would request HKU direct to provide information.</p>	
001226-001502	Chairman Mr James TO Ir Dr Raymond HO	<p>Members' agreement that the second meeting would be held on 18 January 2010 at 10:45 am. The representatives of the management, staff and student unions of HKU, EDB and UGC should be invited to the meeting. Dr David LI would first brief members on the Bill before receiving oral views from deputations at the next meeting.</p>	