

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 15 April 2011)

Proposed timing
for discussion

1. Progress report of the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification

The Administration will brief members on the work of the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification since the release of the three-year industry development plan in March 2010.

17 May 2011

2. Review of the Hong Kong Patent Registration System

The Administration will brief members on the outline and scope of a proposed review of Hong Kong's patent system.

17 May 2011

3. Reports on the work of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices and the Office of the Government of the HKSAR in Beijing

The Heads of Economic and Trade Offices and the Office of the Government of the HKSAR in Beijing will brief the Panel on their work since their last report in June 2010.

21 June 2011

4. Small and medium enterprise funding schemes

The Administration will brief members on its proposal to increase the financial commitment of the SME Export Marketing Fund and SME Development Fund by \$1 billion.

21 June 2011

5. Annual progress report of Research and Development Centres

The Administration will brief members on the annual progress report of the Research and Development Centres.

21 June 2011
(tentative)

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6. 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.

First half of 2011

7. Progress report on the Research and Development Cash Rebate Scheme

The Administration will brief members on the progress in the implementation of the Research and Development Cash Rebate Scheme.

19 July 2011

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

The Administration will update members on the latest round of multilateral trade negotiations under the World Trade Organization, as and when there are significant developments.

To be confirmed

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

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest development of the economic and trade co-operation and exchanges between the HKSAR Government and the Central People's Government under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement.

To be confirmed

10. Development of the exhibition industry in Hong Kong

At the Panel meeting on 21 December 2010, the Panel discussed the development of the exhibition industry in Hong Kong, in particular the promotion of the Meetings, Incentive travels, Conventions and Exhibitions (MICE) industry, measures to encourage the utilization of the existing convention and exhibition facilities, as well as the Hong Kong Trade Development Council's assistance for local small and medium enterprises and new exhibitors. Members urged the Administration to provide a more level playing

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field for AsiaWorld-Expo to compete with the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on an equal footing, and help sort out their differences which posed barriers to co-operation. The Administration will update the Panel on the latest development of the exhibition industry in Hong Kong. Stakeholders will be invited to present their views on the issue.

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