

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 11 November 2010)

Proposed timing
for discussion

1. Development of the exhibition industry in Hong Kong

At the Panel meeting on 20 April 2010, the Panel discussed the promotion and development of the MICE industry in Hong Kong, its software and hardware infrastructure and the role and function of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (TDC) in the exhibition industry. At members' requests, TDC agreed to step up communication and co-operation with the Asia-World Expo as well as consider additional assistance to local SMEs and new companies. The Administration will update members on the latest development of the exhibition industry.

21 December 2010

2. Adjustments to the Hong Kong Textiles Control Arrangements

The Administration will brief Members on proposed adjustments to the Hong Kong Textiles Control Arrangements, and the consequential legislative amendments to effect the proposal. The amendment regulations will be submitted by March 2011.

21 December 2010

3. Promotion of inward investment

The Administration will give an annual briefing to the Panel on the work of Invest Hong Kong in promoting inward investment in 2010 and outline the way forward for 2011.

18 January 2011

4. Financial support for Partner State Key Laboratories

The Administration will brief members on the proposal of providing financial support for the Partner State Key Laboratories.

18 January 2011

5. Proposed upgrading of two permanent Senior Solicitor posts to two permanent Assistant Principal Solicitor posts in the Intellectual Property Department

The Administration will consult members on the proposal to upgrade two permanent Senior Solicitor posts to two permanent Assistant Principal Solicitor posts in the Intellectual Property Department, as a follow-up to the recommendation of the 2008 Grade Structure Review Report.

18 January 2011

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6. Revitalization review of industrial estate

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 October 2010 that the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation had completed a strategic study on the revitalization of industrial estates. The Administration will provide a report to the Panel on the findings and recommendations of the study.

17 May 2011

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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)

10. 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.

21 June 2011

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11. 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

12. Trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong

The Administration will update members on the latest developments in relevant Mainland policies and legislation, and Hong Kong/Guangdong co-operation in trade, industry and technological matters under the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong Guangdong Co-operation.

First half of 2011

13. Review of the Hong Kong Patent System

The Administration will brief members on the Administration's plan to engage stakeholders on a review of the patent system.

Second quarter
of 2011

14. 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.

Mid 2011

15. 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

16. 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 cooperation 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