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Panel on Economic Development

**Minutes of meeting held on
Thursday, 14 October 2010, at 10:30 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC (Deputy Chairman)
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP
Hon CHIM Pui-chung
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP
Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun
Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
- Members absent** : Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, SBS, JP
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
- Clerk in attendance** : Ms Debbie YAU
Chief Council Secretary (1)6
- Staff in attendance** : Mrs Constance LI
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Diana WONG
Senior Council Secretary (1)8

Mr Simon KAM
Council Secretary (1)6

Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms Michelle NIEN
Legislative Assistant (1)9

Action

I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman for the 2010-2011 session

Mr Jeffrey LAM, Chairman of the Panel for the 2009-2010 session, welcomed Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO to the Panel. Mr LAM invited nominations for the chairmanship for the 2010-2011 session.

2. Mr Jeffrey LAM was nominated by Mr Vincent FANG and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Kam-lam. Mr LAM accepted the nomination. As Mr LAM was nominated for the chairmanship, Mr Paul TSE, Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2009-2010 session, presided over the election.

3. As there was no other nomination, Mr Paul TSE 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 2010-2011 session

4. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr Ronny TONG was nominated by Mr Paul TSE and the nomination was seconded by Mr Samson TAM. Mr TONG accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Mr TONG was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the session.

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II Schedule of meetings for the 2010-2011 session

5. The Chairman drew members' attention to the proposed schedule of meetings for the 2010-2011 session tabled at the meeting. Members agreed that the regular monthly meetings of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session would be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:45 am. Having regard to the public holidays, members agreed to re-schedule the regular meetings in December 2010 and April 2011 to 14 December 2010 and 19 April 2011 respectively. The Panel also agreed to advance the regular meeting in July 2011 to 19 July 2011.

III Items for discussion at next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No.— List of outstanding items for
CB(1)6/10-11 discussion)

(Appendix VI to LC Paper No.— List of follow-up actions)
CB(1)6/10-11)

Regular meeting in October 2010

6. Members agreed to discuss the following two items at the regular meeting in October 2010:

- (a) proposed amendments to Pyramid Selling Prohibition Ordinance (Cap. 355); and
- (b) legislative proposals to enhance protection for consumers against unfair trade practices.

7. With regard to item (b), the Panel agreed to invite public views as the public consultation launched by the Administration in mid July 2010 would end on 31 October 2010. To cater for the hearing of views, the Panel agreed to advance the meeting to 10 am.

Other items proposed for discussion

8. Noting that the Task Force on the Review of the Operation and Regulation of Mainland Inbound Group Tours of the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong (TIC) had submitted its report to the Government a couple of days ago and there were calls for TIC to change to a statutory body, Ms Emily LAU suggested early discussion of the item on review of the operation of TIC. Mr Ronny TONG said that since TIC would continue its discussion with the stakeholders on the details of the measures recommended in its report to the Government, the Panel could consider reviewing its operation at a later stage. Mr Paul TSE said that as raised at the meeting on 24 May 2010, a public hearing should be held to gauge the views of travel agents, their frontline staff as well as general consumers on TIC's operation.

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9. Noting that a total of seven projects had been selected to be sponsored under the Mega Events Fund (MEF) as at 31 May 2010, Miss Tanya CHAN suggested that the Administration should be invited to brief the Panel in November or December 2010 on the effectiveness in deploying MEF. Ms Emily LAU referred to the discussion of the Panel on Home Affairs about the funding of activities in memory of the 100th Anniversary of the 1911 Revolution by MEF, and requested the two Panels to coordinate discussion on the two related items. The Chairman declared that he was the Chairman of the Assessment Committee of MEF and he advised on the application procedures for MEF. Mr Albert CHAN also declared that he was considering submitting an application for MEF.

(Post-meeting note: Information relating to the application procedures for MEF was forwarded to Ms Emily LAU on 15 October 2010.)

10. The Chairman said that he and the Clerk would liaise with the Administration on the timing for discussing the items raised by members.

(Post-meeting note: As agreed at the work plan meeting held between the Panel and the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, the items on review of the operation of TIC and MEF would be discussed at the Panel meeting on 22 November 2010. Members of the Panel on Home Affairs would be invited to join the discussion of the item on MEF.)

IV Any other business

11. The Chairman reminded members that the Panel would hold a special meeting on 15 October 2010 at 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 2010-2011 Policy Address.

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:46 am.

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