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Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 14 October 2010 at 10:50 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon WONG Yuk-man (Chairman)
Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
- Members absent** : Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
- Clerk in attendance** : Ms YUE Tin-po
Chief Council Secretary (1)3
- Staff in attendance** : Mrs Constance LI
Assistant Secretary General 1
- Ms Annette LAM
Senior Council Secretary (1)3
- Mr Joey LO
Council Secretary (1)3

Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms May LEUNG
Legislative Assistant (1)6

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Dr Samson TAM, Chairman of the Panel in office, invited nominations for the chairmanship for the 2010-2011 session.

2. Mr WONG Yuk-man was nominated by Ms Cyd HO and the nomination was seconded by Mr Ronny TONG. Mr WONG accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Dr Samson TAM declared that Mr WONG Yuk-man was elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session. Mr WONG Yuk-man then took over the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Dr Samson TAM was nominated by Mr IP Kwok-him and the nomination was seconded by Mr Andrew LEUNG. Dr TAM accepted the nomination. As there was no other nominations, the Chairman declared that Dr Samson TAM was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2010-2011 session

4. Members agreed to hold the regular meetings of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session on the second Monday of each month at 2:30 pm. The meeting schedule for the 2010-2011 session would be issued to members after the meeting.

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(List of outstanding items for discussion — Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(1)5/10-11

List of follow-up actions

— Appendix VI to LC Paper No. CB(1)5/10-11)

Policy briefing on 15 October 2010

5. The Chairman reminded members that a meeting would be held on Friday, 15 October 2010 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building to receive a briefing by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (SCED) on the relevant policy initiatives featuring in the Chief Executive's 2010-2011 Policy Address.

Regular Panel meeting on 8 November 2010

6. Members agreed that the Panel would discuss the following items proposed by the Administration at the next regular meeting to be held on 8 November 2010:

- (a) Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX – New Administrative Computer Systems;
- (b) Chargeable mobile content services; and
- (c) Mid-term review of sound broadcasting licences.

7. As regards item (c), members noted that the Broadcasting Authority (BA) was carrying out a mid-term review of the licences of Hong Kong Commercial Broadcasting Company Limited and Metro Broadcast Corporation Limited. As part of the public consultation exercise, two public hearings had been held to solicit public views on the services provided by the two licensees. The Administration would update the Panel on the progress of the mid-term review in the November meeting. Ms Emily LAU suggested and members agreed that a separate meeting be held to receive views from deputations and members of the public on the subject.

Items for discussion in the 2010-2011 session

8. Ms Emily LAU suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the recent shareholding changes of Asia Television Limited (ATV), and update members on the progress of the BA's investigation into the complaint of unfair competition and monopolization lodged by ATV against Television Broadcasts Limited.

9. Mr Andrew LEUNG referred to the cap on data roaming charges that came into force recently in the European Union to protect consumers from "bill shock". In view of the increasing public concern about the rising problem of exorbitant data roaming charges, he suggested that the matter be discussed with the Administration to draw up a long-term policy in respect of data roaming charges. Mr LEUNG requested the Secretariat to prepare an information note on Hong Kong and overseas practices in this regard to facilitate discussion.

10. The Chairman said that the issue on the regulation of person-to-person telemarketing calls which was a major public concern should also be followed up with the Administration.

Work plan for the 2010-2011 session

11. The Chairman further said that he and the Deputy Chairman would hold a meeting with SCED to discuss the work plan of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session. He invited members to notify the Secretariat in writing by 28 October 2010 if they wished to propose any discussion items for Panel meetings to be held from December 2010 to July 2011.

V. Any other business

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:00 am.

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