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LegCo bids farewell to LegCo Building (with photos)

The Legislative Council (LegCo) held a function today (July 18) to bid farewell to the LegCo Building. Over 150 incumbent and former LegCo Members attended the function and witnessed the unearthing of the Time Capsule placed underneath the LegCo Carpark. Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, President of the LegCo, said he hoped the LegCo would be able to move to the new LegCo Complex during this summer.

Speaking at the unearthing ceremony of the Time Capsule, Mr TSANG said, "Today features a historical moment in which incumbent and former LegCo Members and key staff of the Secretariat of different generations get together before the LegCo Building is handed back to the Government."

He added that there were totally 9393 days spent in the LegCo Building between its official opening on 30 October 1985 and today. A total of 522 oaths or affirmations have been made by Members in the Building. Moreover, 947 Council meetings have been held and nearly 1600 bills have been passed in the Council Chamber.

Guests attending the function included incumbent LegCo Members; former LegCo Presidents Mr Andrew WONG and Mrs Rita FAN; former Senior LegCo Member Mr Allen LEE, former unofficial Members; current and former senior staff of the LegCo Secretariat and LegCo Beat reporters.

Guests attended a reception on the first floor of the LegCo Building and took photos in the Chamber, Ante-Chamber and other Conference Rooms. The Public Officers' Room was also opened for the first time for the visitors. Members of different LegCo terms gathered around and reminisced about those happy and memorable moments in the LegCo Building. All the incumbent and former Members then took a group photo inside the Chamber.

The LegCo also took the opportunity to unearth the Time Capsule placed underneath the LegCo Carpark on 23 June 1997. The Time Capsule contains over 50 pieces of mementos of the then LegCo Members. Former LegCo President Mr Andrew WONG and former LegCo House Committee Chairman Dr LEONG Che-hung, who at that time undertook to place the Time Capsule underneath the LegCo Carpark, unearthed the Time Capsule and handed it over to the current LegCo President Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing and LegCo House Committee Chairman Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye.

The items inside the Time Capsule (full list of the items was attached) were taken out and passed on to those former Members who put them inside the Capsule. The items were then given to the staff of the LegCo Archive for preservation. Some of the items will be displayed in the Archive of the new LegCo Complex.

Later in the evening, about 140 incumbent and former Members participated in a farewell banquet held in the Dining Hall of the LegCo Building. During the banquet, a video on the change of the Legislature over the years was shown for Members to relive the unforgettable moments in the LegCo Building. Former LegCo Member Mr Martin BARROW also presented an oil painting of the LegCo Chamber as a souvenir to the Council.

The construction of the LegCo Building started in 1900 and took 12 years to complete. Formerly housed the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, the Building had almost 100 years of history

since its commencement of operation in 1912. The exterior of the Building was declared a monument in 1984, protected legally under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance. It became the home of the Legislature since 1985.

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Over one hundred incumbent and former Members take a group photo in the Chamber of the LegCo Building.



Guests gather round and share a moment of joy inside the LegCo Building.



16 female LegCo Members of different LegCo terms take a group photo in the LegCo Chamber.



Former LegCo President Mr Andrew WONG (second from right) and former LegCo House Committee Chairman Dr LEONG Che-hung (first from right) handed the Time Capsule over to current LegCo President Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing (first from left) and LegCo House Chairman Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee (second from left).



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List of Items Placed in the Time Capsule

<u>Name of the Guests</u>	<u>Name of the Items</u>
Mr Andrew WONG	LegCo Standing Orders
Mrs Selina CHOW	A photo of the Hong Kong territory Hong Kong stocks prices as at close of 16 May 1997 Wong Tai Sin fortune-telling slip predicting Hong Kong's 10-year future from 18 May 1997
Mr SZETO Wah (Deceased)	Speeches of Members on the "4 June incident" motion at the LegCo Sitting on 21.5.97 and the voting result
Hon LAU Wong-fat	Commemorative album of the inauguration ceremony of the 29 th Heung Yee Kuk Special publication to mark the banquet hosted by various associations and dignitaries in Tuen Mun District to celebrate the re-election of the Hon LAU Wong-fat, O.B.E., J.P. as Chairman of the 29 th Heung Yee-kuk
Mr Edward HO	His book "What makes Hong Kong Tick?"
Mr Ronald ARCULLI	A souvenir miniature bus presented by St. Joseph's College
Hon Miriam LAU	MTRC Ordinance, MTRC (Amendment) Bill 1996, KCRC Ordinance, KCRC (Amendment) Bill 1996, Public Bus Services Ordinance and Public Bus Services (Amendment) Bill 1996
Dr LEONG Che-hung	Cartoon of 60 LegCo Members and a book he wrote to mark the transition
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip	Newspaper advertisements on the Democratic Movements of China '89
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong	A statue of the Goddess of Democracy

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Hon Frederick FUNG	<p>“The Road to Political Participation” A collection of the views of the Hong Kong Association for Democracy and Peoples’ Livelihood (ADPL), edited by Dr Joseph Y.S.CHENG</p> <p>Memorandum and Articles of ADPL</p>
Mr Michael HO	A set of cartoon cards used in the overseas fund-raising activities of the Democratic Party
Hon Emily LAU	Her publicity leaflets dated 15.9.1991 and 17.9.1995 for the LegCo Elections
Hon LEE Wing-tat	“Changes in the political figures of the political parties and legislature of Hong Kong in 2007”
Hon Fred LI	Newspaper advertisements on sale of local real estate
Mr Henry TANG	<p>A picture of all Members of the HKSAR Executive Council</p> <p>A Draft Outline of the HKSAR Industrial Policy</p>
Hon James TO	<p>“Footprints and Battle Cries”- A pictorial collection in commemoration of the Seventh Anniversary of the 4 June incident, published by the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Movements of China</p>
Dr Samuel WONG (Deceased)	The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers Year Book 1997 and a Membership List
Dr Hon Philip WONG	His LegCo name card and a key of Beijing Hotel
Dr YEUNG Sum	“The General Principles of the Policies of the Democratic Party” (adopted at the General Assembly held on 2 Oct 1994)
Mr Howard YOUNG	3 copies of news clippings regarding his views on Hong Kong political reforms
Mr Zachary WONG Wai-yin	Eight cartoons on Hong Kong politics

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Ms Christine LOH	Political platform of the Citizens Party
Hon CHAN Kam-lam	“Long Term Housing Strategy Review” Consultative Document and Consultation Paper on “Civil Liberties and Social Order”
Mr CHAN Wing-chan and Ms CHAN Yuen-han	FTU report on CSSA and MPF
Mr Andrew CHENG	“Save our Children, Bury all Indecent Publications”
Mr Paul CHENG	His book: “Keeping Faith in HK”
Mr CHENG Yiu-tong	Press cuttings re: approval for MPF
Dr Anthony CHEUNG Bing-leung	“Proposal on the Future of Hong Kong” (Extract from “Towards the Democratic Rule of Hong Kong by Hong Kong People”- Meeting Point Documents, Volume 2 (1987), Meeting Point)
Mr CHOY Kan-pui	An umbrella
Mr David CHU	His US passport which has been cancelled
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan	An advertisement opposing Japanese militarism published in “The New York Times”, 15 Dec.1996
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan and Mr TSANG Kin-shing	“National Dignity”
Hon IP Kwok-him	Press cuttings re: inquiry into the LEUNG Ming-yin case
Mr LAU Chin-shek	Badge of Polish Labour Union
Dr LAW Cheung-kwok	His book: “A Blueprint on the Economic Development of China and Hong Kong”
Mr LAU Hon-chuen	“The Course of Hong Kong’s Return to Chinese Sovereignty”-A Compilation of the Basic Law and related documents, published by the Hong Kong Progressive Alliance

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Mr LEE Kai-ming	His Work Report for August 1996
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung	A glass bottle with grass and press cuttings re: his eviction from LegCo sitting
Mr Bruce LIU	Weapons to prevent hefty rental increase of public housing estates: Housing (Amendment) Bill 1997 and its background information “Long Term Housing Strategy Review” Consultative

Document

Aspiration for non-retrogression of civil liberties after 1997:
Consultation Paper on “Civil Liberties and Social Order” and
ADPL’s comments
Public Order (Amendment) Bill 1997 and Societies
(Amendment) Bill 1997 published by the Chief Executive’s
Office, HKSAR

Mr LO Suk-ching	A newsletter of the Office of Mr LO Suk-ching (Quarterly)
Mr MOK Ying-fan	Employment (Amendment) (No.4) Bill 1997
Hon Margaret NG	Her columns on the rule of Law in Hong Kong
Mr NGAN Kam-chuen	His proposal on the strategy for the promotion of building safety “A Proposal on a Two-tier Social Security System” by the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong
Mr SIN Chung-kai	A pirated compact disc
Mr TSANG Kin-shing	A mug to commemorate the landing on the Diaoyu Islands in 1996 by the Action Committee for Defending the Diaoyu Islands

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Dr John TSE Wing-ling	Five pictures of Chinese white dolphins “Air Quality in Hong Kong 1986-1995”, Environmental Protection Department (a CD ROM) “Environment Hong Kong 1996”, Environmental Protection Department
Mrs Elizabeth WONG	Her book “Thanks For the Memories” (draft stored on disk)
Mr YUM Sin-ling	A photo of Dr Sun Yat-san
Mr Stephen IP Shu-kwan	Outline of Economic Services Policy for 1996
Mr Roger LUK	The Hang Seng Bank’s Economic Forecast for 1997
Mr Vincent CHENG	A \$10 note