

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 14 December 2011)

Proposed timing
for discussion

1. Development and promotion of Chinese medicine

At the Panel meeting on 13 October 2011, members noted the concern raised by Dr Priscilla LEUNG about the disbandment of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Institute of Chinese Medicine (HKJCICM). Members agreed that the Administration should brief the Panel on the follow-up arrangements regarding the disbandment of HKJCICM, including termination of employment of HKJCICM staff, disposal of intellectual properties, and the progress of the setting up of the new Government-led committee in the promotion of research and development of Chinese medicine.

17 January 2012

2. Proposed adjustment to fees and charges under the purview of the Trade and Industry Department

The Administration will brief the Panel on proposed adjustments to fees and charges in 2011-2012 under the purview of the Trade and Industry Department.

17 January 2012

3. Promotion of inward investment

The Administration will update the Panel on the work of Invest Hong Kong in promoting inward investment in 2011 and outline the way forward for 2012.

21 February 2012

4. Support for Hong Kong enterprises in branding, upgrading and domestic sales

The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposal to set up a dedicated fund to support Hong Kong enterprises in developing their brands, upgrading their operation in the Mainland and promoting domestic sales, so as to help them capture the opportunities arising from the National 12th Five-Year Plan.

First quarter of
2012

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5. 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 as and when there are significant developments.

First quarter of 2012

6. Annual progress report of the Research and Development Centres

The Administration will update the Panel on the operation of the Research and Development Centres for 2011-2012.

19 June 2012

7. Further measures to promote the development of innovation and technology in Hong Kong

The Administration will report to the Panel the outcome of the review and proposed enhancement measures of the Research and Development Cash Rebate Scheme and the Innovation and Technology Fund, and also the progress of work of the Steering Committee on Review of Intellectual Property Issues in the Innovation and Technology Sector.

Second quarter of 2012

8. Review of the patent system in Hong Kong

The Administration will brief the Panel on the results of the public consultation on the review of the Hong Kong patent registration system and the Administration's proposed way forward.

Second quarter of 2012

9. Trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong

The Administration will update members on the latest developments of trade relations between Hong Kong and the Mainland (including Hong Kong/Guangdong, Hong Kong/Shenzhen, Hong Kong/Beijing, Hong Kong/Shanghai Economic and Trade Co-operation).

Second quarter of 2012

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for discussion**

10. Relocation of the information technology facilities to Kai Tak Government Offices for the Trade and Industry Department

The Administration will brief members on the project of relocation of information technology facilities from the Trade and Industry Department (TID) Tower to Kai Tak Government Offices to tie in with TID's relocation tentatively in 2015.

To be confirmed

11. 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