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Panel on Commerce and Industry

Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 16 October 2012, at 3:20 pm
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, SBS, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin
Hon Charles Peter MOK
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, BBS, MH, JP
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
- Members absent** : Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
- Clerk in attendance** : Ms Annette LAM
Chief Council Secretary (1)3
- Staff in attendance** : Mr Andy LAU
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Sarah YUEN
Senior Council Secretary (1)3

Miss Rita YUNG
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)3

Ms Yvonna HO
Clerical Assistant (1)3

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Ms Emily LAU, member of the Panel with the highest precedence among the members present, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel and invited nominations for the chairmanship for the 2012-2013 session.

2. Mr Vincent FANG was nominated by Mr Andrew LEUNG and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Ting-kwong. Mr Vincent FANG accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, Ms Emily LAU declared that Mr Vincent FANG was elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session. Mr FANG then took the chair.

Withdrawal of membership

3. Members noted Mr Ronny TONG's request to withdraw his membership from the Panel.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship for the 2012-2013 session. Mr WONG Ting-kwong nominated Dr CHIANG Lai-wan and provided a note by Dr CHIANG addressed to the Panel Chairman stating her acceptance of the nomination. The nomination was seconded by Mr Jeffrey LAM. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Dr CHIANG Lai-wan was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2012-2013 session

5. Members agreed that future regular meetings of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session would be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm, except the meetings in October 2012 and January 2013 which were re-scheduled as follows -

- (a) as the third Tuesday of October 2012 (23 October) was a public holiday for Chung Yeung Festival, the meeting was rescheduled to Monday, 29 October 2012 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm; and
- (b) as the Chief Executive would deliver the Policy Address on 16 January 2013, the regular meeting cum policy briefing in January 2013 was rescheduled to Friday, 25 January 2013 from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm.

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(LC Paper No. CB(1)18/12-13(01) -- List of issues suggested to be considered

LC Paper No. CB(1)18/12-13(02) -- List of follow-up actions)

Regular Panel meeting on 29 October 2012

6. Members agreed that the Panel would discuss the item "Statutory Maximum Liability of the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation" proposed by the Administration at the next regular meeting to be held on 29 October 2012.

(Post-meeting note: With the concurrence of the Chairman, an additional agenda item "Trade relations between Hong Kong and Taiwan" was subsequently included in the agenda for the October meeting.)

Regular Panel meeting on 20 November 2012

7. Members agreed that the Panel would discuss the following items proposed by the Administration at the regular meeting to be held on 20 November 2012:

- (a) A report on the work of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices, the Hong Kong Economic, Trade and Cultural Office (Taiwan) and the Office of the Government of the HKSAR in Beijing in 2011-2012; and
- (b) Relocation and re-provisioning of information technology systems and facilities to the Trade and Industry Tower for the Trade and Industry Department.

Work plan for the 2012-2013 session

8. The Chairman invited members' views on the List of issues suggested to be considered in the 2012-2013 session tabled at the meeting, and welcomed members to propose discussion items, if any.

9. Mr Charles MOK noted that in the 2011-2012 legislative session, the Administration had withdrawn its notice to resume the Second Reading debate on the Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2011 at the Council meeting of 9 May 2012. Mr MOK suggested that the Administration be invited to brief the Panel on the proposed way forward for strengthening copyright protection in the digital environment.

10. Mr Andrew LEUNG and Mr Jeffrey LAM were of the view that the Administration should update the Panel on the latest progress of various support measures (including the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Financing Guarantee Scheme launched by the Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation) to assist local SMEs to tide over the global economic uncertainty, and to brief members on the future economic outlook. Mr Andrew LEUNG also suggested that the Administration be invited to brief the Panel on the initiatives in fostering the development of intellectual property trading in Hong Kong.

11. Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok requested a discussion on the provision of more tax concessionary incentives to enterprises, such as doubling the tax deduction for investment in research and development (R&D), so as to further stimulate private sector investment in R&D.

12. Mr Martin LIAO suggested that the Administration be invited to brief the Panel on efforts to complement the policy of the Central People's Government on basically achieving liberalization of trade in services to Hong Kong by the end of the National 12th Five-Year Plan period.

13. Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan expressed concern about the development of the six economic areas where Hong Kong enjoyed clear advantages. He requested an update on the progress made in this regard, in particular the initiatives to further promote innovation and technology, and testing and certification.

14. Dr LAM Tai-fai proposed that the Panel be briefed on the progress of implementation of the dedicated fund on branding, upgrading and domestic sales.

15. Mr WONG Ting-kwong suggested exploring the feasibility of a duty visit to Taiwan. The Chairman noted the suggestion for future consideration.

(Post-meeting note: The discussion items proposed by members had been incorporated in the Panel's List of outstanding items for discussion.)

16. The Chairman said that he and the Deputy Chairman would meet with the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development to discuss the work plan of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session. He invited members to notify the Secretariat in writing by 26 October 2012 if they wished to raise other proposed discussion items for the Panel meetings to be held from December 2012 to July 2013.

17. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:40 pm.