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## **Panel on Home Affairs**

### **Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 16 October 2012, at 10:20 am in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members present** : Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP (Chairman)  
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP  
Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, SBS, JP  
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che  
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP  
Hon Claudia MO  
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin  
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming  
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH  
Hon YIU Si-wing  
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen  
Hon IP Kin-yuen  
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP  
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP  
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen

**Member absent** : Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

**Clerk in attendance** : Ms Alice LEUNG  
Chief Council Secretary (2) 2

**Staff in attendance** : Miss Flora TAI  
Assistant Secretary General 2

Miss Josephine SO  
Senior Council Secretary (2) 2

Miss Jasmine TAM  
Council Secretary (2) 2

Miss Emma CHEUNG  
Legislative Assistant (2) 2

Ms Camy YOONG  
Clerical Assistant (2) 2

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**I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2012-2013 session**

Election of Chairman

Mr WONG Kwok-hing, the Member present who had the highest precedence in the Panel, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel. Mr WONG called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr MA Fung-kwok was nominated by Mr IP Kwok-him and the nomination was seconded by Ms Starry LEE and Mr Christopher CHUNG. Mr MA Fung-kwok accepted the nomination.

2. As there was no other nomination, Mr WONG Kwok-hing declared Mr MA Fung-kwok elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session. Mr MA Fung-kwok then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Dr Kenneth CHAN was nominated by Ms Cyd HO and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che. Dr Kenneth CHAN accepted the nomination.

4. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Dr Kenneth CHAN elected as the 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 would be held on the second Friday of each month at 8:30 am. As special meetings of the Finance Committee would be held from 8 to 12 April 2013, members also agreed that the regular meeting in April 2013 be re-scheduled to 15 April 2013 at 8:30 am.

## **III. Items for discussion at the next meeting**

### Regular meeting in November 2012

6. The Chairman referred members to the list of issues suggested to be considered tabled at the meeting and advised that the Administration proposed to discuss the item "Cultural work in the new term" at the next regular meeting scheduled for 9 November 2012. Members noted the list and agreed to the Administration's proposal.

*(Post-meeting note: The above list and the list of follow-up actions, which was also tabled at the meeting, were circulated to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(2)39/12-13(01) and (02) on 16 October 2012.)*

7. Mr WONG Kwok-hing hoped that the Administration would provide members with the latest information on the proposed establishment of a cultural bureau, when briefing the Panel on the cultural work of the Fourth Term Government.

8. Mr WONG Kwok-hing suggested that in addition to the item proposed by the Administration as mentioned above in paragraph 6, the Panel should discuss the proposed establishment of a district open bazaar in Tin Shui Wai at the regular meeting in November 2012. He further suggested inviting members of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene to join the discussion of this item. Members agreed.

### Issues to be discussed at future meetings

#### *Support for social enterprises*

9. Ms Cyd HO expressed concern about the Administration's effort in promoting the further development of social enterprises with a view to creating employment opportunities for the vulnerable groups. She considered that the Panel should discuss at a future meeting the Administration's support

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for social enterprises, including its new policy initiative to create a "Social Enterprise Development Fund" to provide alternative financing sources for the social enterprise sector with a view to facilitating the start-up and growth of social enterprises.

10. On Ms Cyd HO's concern about the Administration's support for social enterprises, the Chairman advised members that the monitoring and examining of Government policies relating to social enterprise was within the terms of reference of the Panel on Welfare Services ("WS Panel").

11. Ms Cyd HO and Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che suggested that the Panel might consider holding a joint meeting with the WS Panel to discuss the subject. Ms HO further suggested inviting deputations to give views on the subject.

12. The Chairman responded that he would discuss with the Chairman of the WS Panel on members' suggestion to hold a meeting with the WS Panel.

*(Post-meeting note: At the first meeting of the WS Panel held on the same day of the Panel meeting at 4:00 pm, the WS Panel noted the list of issues suggested to be considered tabled at the meeting, which included the item "Social Enterprise Development Fund". The Administration would brief members on the Fund in December 2012 and members of the Panel on Home Affairs would be invited to join the discussion of this item.)*

*Development of the multi-purpose stadium complex at Kai Tak*

13. Ms Starry LEE said that she had learned from media reports recently that the proposal for developing a multi-purpose stadium complex ("the stadium complex") at Kai Tak would be shelved. She hoped that the Chairman would clarify with the Administration about the proposed stadium complex at Kai Tak during the forthcoming informal meeting between the Chairman/Deputy Chairman and the Secretary for Home Affairs ("SHA") to discuss the work plan for the 2012-2013 session. She suggested that the Administration should be requested to provide an information paper in this regard for members' consideration of the need to follow up the matter.

*Support and assistance for ethnic minority groups*

14. Ms Starry LEE was concerned whether the existing support offered by the Administration on various fronts to ethnic minority groups was adequate. She suggested including the subject in the list of outstanding items for

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discussion and requesting the Administration to provide a paper for the Panel's discussion.

*Matters relating to building management*

15. While noting that the Administration planned to consult the Panel at a future meeting on its proposal to introduce the Property Management Services Bill into the Legislative Council ("LegCo") in mid-2013, Mr WU Chi-wai was disappointed that there was no mentioning of the important subject of building management issues. He pointed out that the Home Affairs Department ("HAD") together with its District Offices played an advisory and liaison role in providing assistance to building owners and Owners Corporations on building management matters. To his knowledge, HAD had recently introduced the "Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme" and commissioned two property management companies to provide advisory services to owners of old buildings. He was concerned that the outsourcing of professional advisory service in respect of building management and maintenance might have impact on HAD's role and responsibility on building management issues. He considered that the Panel should discuss the subject of building management at a future meeting as it was an issue of great significance.

*Sports Policy*

16. The Deputy Chairman noted from the list of issues suggested to be considered that the Administration intended to brief members on its sport policy in December 2012. He hoped that the Administration would set out, among others, in its discussion paper the following -

- (a) whether the Administration had reviewed the present policy and devised a long-term policy for the sustainable development of sports in Hong Kong for the purpose of enhancing the training, support and long-term development of elite athletes, including elite athletes with disabilities;
- (b) whether the Administration had reviewed its monitoring system and the funding policy for the national sports associations with a view to improving their governance, and
- (c) whether the Administration had reviewed the criteria adopted by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") for according priority to applications for LCSD's sport venues and facilities.

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17. Ms Claudia MO expressed concern about the inadequacy of the Government's support for the promotion of sports among ethnic minority children. She cited an example about the lack of public cricket pitches in Hong Kong and said that ethnic minority children could hardly find a venue to play cricket. She held the view that the Administration should take into consideration the needs of ethnic minorities in formulating its long-term sport policy.

*Other issues*

18. Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che expressed concern over the following issues and suggested that the Panel might consider discussing them in future -

- (a) the Administration's position on the development of a family policy; and
- (b) the latest progress of development of the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD").

Regarding the item in paragraph 18(b) above, Mr CHEUNG said that in the Fourth LegCo, a joint subcommittee had been formed under the Panel on Home Affairs and the Panel on Development to monitor the implementation of the WKCD Project. As the WKCD project was still in progress, there might be a need for establishing a similar committee in the Fifth LegCo to continue the monitoring work.

19. As regards Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che's suggestion in paragraph 18(a) above, the Chairman pointed out that the monitoring and examining of Government policies and issues of public concern relating to welfare (including women welfare) and rehabilitation services, poverty, social enterprise and Family Council fell within the purview of the WS Panel. Concluding the discussions, the Chairman said that he would bring the issues raised by members to the attention of SHA at the informal meeting to discuss the work plan for the 2012-2013 session.

20. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:37 am.