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**Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services**

**Minutes of meeting**  
**held on Thursday, 10 October 2013, at 4:20 pm**  
**in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members present** : Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Dennis KWOK (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP  
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC  
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP  
Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP  
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP  
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC  
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung  
Hon WONG Yuk-man  
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP  
Hon NG Leung-sing, SBS, JP  
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin  
Hon YIU Si-wing  
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP  
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, JP  
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP  
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, JP  
Hon TANG Ka-piu  
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP  
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan  
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen

**Member absent** : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

**Clerk in attendance** : Mary SO  
Chief Council Secretary (4)2

**Staff in attendance** : Percy MA  
Assistant Secretary General 4

Cindy CHAN  
Senior Council Secretary (4)5

Rebecca LEE  
Council Secretary (4)2

Sandy SZETO  
Administrative Assistant I (4)2

Mandy WAN  
Administrative Assistant (4)1

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## **I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

### Election of Chairman

Mr James TO, member of the highest precedence amongst members present, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel. Mr TO called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr Dennis KWOK was nominated by Mr Alan LEONG and seconded by Ms Emily LAU. Mr Dennis KWOK accepted the nomination.

2. Mr Abraham SHEK nominated Dr Priscilla LEUNG and Mr CHAN Kam-lam seconded the nomination. Dr Priscilla LEUNG accepted the nomination.

3. Mr James TO called for other nominations. As there was no other nomination, Mr TO announced that voting be conducted by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, Mr TO invited Mr Alan LEONG and Mr Abraham SHEK who had nominated the two candidates to monitor the counting of votes.

Action

4. Mr James TO announced that 8 and 18 members voted for Mr Dennis KWOK and Dr Priscilla LEUNG respectively. Mr TO declared Dr Priscilla LEUNG elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session. Dr Priscilla LEUNG then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

5. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Mr Dennis KWOK was nominated by Mr Alan LEONG and the nomination was seconded by Mr Ronny TONG. Mr Dennis KWOK accepted the nomination.

6. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr Dennis KWOK elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session.

**II. Schedule of meetings for the 2013-2014 session**

7. Mr Martin LIAO suggested holding the regular meetings of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session to the first, second or third Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm. Members did not raise objection to holding the regular meetings of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session to other timeslots so long as the meetings were held at 4:30 pm to facilitate the attendance of the two legal professional bodies.

8. The Clerk advised that hitherto, only the 4:30 pm timeslot of the first and second Tuesdays of each month were not taken up by the regular meetings of other Panels. The Chairman requested the Secretariat to check the feasibility of holding the regular meetings of the Panel at the first or second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm after the meeting.

*(Post-meeting note: As several members of the Panel were also members of the Committee on Rules of Procedure which would hold meetings on the second Tuesday every two months at 4:30 pm as well as other scheduling problems, the regular meetings of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session were scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm as in the last session.)*

**III. Items for discussion at the next meeting**  
(Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(4)/13-14)

9. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung requested to discuss the issues raised by members at the meeting held on 23 July 2013 regarding the mechanism for handling complaints against judicial conduct at an earlier time. Mr TAM Yiu-chung cautioned against dealing with individual complaints against judges/judicial officers in the discussion of this item.

10. Mr Dennis KWOK said that in view of the long court waiting times, the Judiciary Administration ("JA") should be urged to brief members on the judicial manpower situation earlier rather than in March 2014 as proposed by JA. Ms Starry LEE expressed similar view.

11. Members noted a letter dated 2 October 2013 from Mr Dennis KWOK requesting to discuss The Law Society of Hong Kong ("LS")'s plans for the reform of the legal qualification system and to invite the relevant parties to give views on the matter tabled at the meeting [LC Paper No. CB(4)28/13-14(01)]. Members agreed that this item could be discussed with a similar item proposed by Mr Abraham SHEK under item 13 of Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(4)3/13-14.

12. The Chairman advised that she and the Deputy Chairman would shortly convene a meeting with the relevant bureau/departments to draw up a work plan for the Panel for the current session. During the meeting, she would explore with JA on the possibility of advancing the discussion of the judicial manpower situation. If that was possible, this item and the 2013-2014 judicial service pay adjustment under item 1 of Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(4)3/13-14 could be discussed at the next regular meeting of the Panel. The Chairman further advised that LS was conducting studies on overseas experience in implementing a common qualifying examination for law graduates. She undertook to liaise with LS on when it could be in a position to brief members on its plans for the reform of the legal qualification system.

13. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:50 pm.