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Panel on Home Affairs

**Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 10 October 2013, at 10:40 am
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

Members present : Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Deputy Chairman)
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 LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, JP
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Hon IP Kin-yuen
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen

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

Staff in attendance : Miss Flora TAI
Assistant Secretary General 2

Mr Jove CHAN
Senior Council Secretary (2) 2

Miss Josephine SO
Senior Council Secretary (2) 6

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

Election of Chairman

Mr MA Fung-kwok, the incumbent Chairman, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session. Mr MA Fung-kwok was nominated by Dr LAM Tai-fai and the nomination was seconded by Mr Tony TSE. Mr MA Fung-kwok accepted the nomination.

2. As the incumbent Chairman was nominated for the office, Dr Kenneth CHAN, the incumbent Deputy Chairman, took over from Mr MA Fung-kwok to preside over the election. As there was no other nomination, Dr Kenneth CHAN declared Mr MA Fung-kwok elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2013-2014 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 Dr Helena WONG. 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 2013-2014 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2013-2014 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, except the meetings in

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February and March 2014 which would be held on 17 February and 21 March 2014 respectively at 8:30 am.

(Post-meeting note: The schedule of the regular meetings of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)36/13-14 on 11 October 2013.)

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(Appendices V and VI to LC Paper No. CB(2)8/13-14)

Regular meeting in November 2013

6. Members agreed to discuss the following two items proposed by the Administration at the next regular meeting scheduled for 8 November 2013 -

- (a) Review of allowance and expense reimbursement arrangements for District Council ("DC") Members; and
- (b) Management and maintenance of the Hong Kong Stadium Turf Pitch.

Issues in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion

7. Ms Cyd HO expressed concern about the arrangements on the polling day for the 2013 exercise to nominate representatives of arts interests for Hong Kong Arts Development Council ("the 2013 Nomination Exercise"). Noting that incorrectly stapled ballots had been issued and the numbers of blank votes received in the nomination exercise of some arts interests were high, she considered that the Administration should conduct a review on the 2013 Nomination Exercise and report to the Panel on the results of the review. Ms HO proposed that the matter be discussed by the Panel. The Chairman advised that the subject of "Issues arising from the scrutiny of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (Amendment) Bill 2013" had already been included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion ("the outstanding items list") and suggested that issues relating to the 2013 Nomination Exercise be discussed under the same item. Members agreed.

8. Ms Cyd HO further said that according to a recent ruling of the Court of Appeal, dance performance in the pedestrian precinct did not trigger the licensing requirements under the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172). Referring to item 7 of the outstanding items list on "Review of Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance", she suggested that the Panel should discuss the matter at the earliest opportunity and follow up on issues arising from the court judgment.

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9. The Deputy Chairman reiterated his concern about the Government's policy and efforts in the promotion of street performance as well as the need to review the roles and functions of DCs. He hoped that the Panel would schedule the discussion of these subjects, namely items 9 and 10 in the outstanding items list, within this session. Dr Helena WONG also suggested that the review on the roles and functions of DCs be discussed as early as possible as it was related to the issue of constitutional reform. The Deputy Chairman further hoped that the Panel would continue to discuss the Government's sports policy at a future meeting.

10. Referring to item 4 of the outstanding items list on "Monitoring of Private Recreational Leases ("PRLs")", Dr CHIANG Lai-wan said that the Panel had passed a motion at its meeting on 14 June 2013 urging the Government to establish a monitoring and vetting mechanism for the approval and renewal of lands leased under PRLs and to further open up such lands for use by the public, so as to safeguard public interests. She requested that the Administration should report on its follow-up actions on the motion passed at the Panel meeting on 14 June 2013 when the subject was discussed by the Panel.

11. Mr WU Chi-wai noted from item 3 of the outstanding items list that the Administration planned to consult the Panel in December 2013 on the major elements of the draft bill on the regulatory regime proposed for the property management industry, before introducing the bill into the Legislative Council. He recalled that when the Administration briefed the Panel on various building management initiatives implemented by the Home Affairs Department ("HAD") in recent years, many members had expressed concern about the manpower situation of Liaison Officers engaged in building management duties in HAD Headquarters and the District Building Management Liaison Teams in 18 districts. He considered that the Panel should follow up on this matter.

12. Referring to item 11 in the outstanding items list, Dr Helena WONG expressed concern about the progress of the latest development regarding the Administration's earlier proposal to re-provision the Shanghai Street refuse collection point and street sleepers' services units to facilitate the implementation of the Yau Ma Tei Theatre Phase II project. She requested that the Administration would revert to the Panel as soon as possible on how it would take forward the project.

13. Dr Helena WONG was also concerned about the proposed implementation of the RESCUE Drug Testing Scheme put forward by the Action Committee Against Narcotics and its impact on the youth. The Chairman advised that while the issue of "youth development policy" came under the ambit of the Panel on Home Affairs ("the HA Panel"), the policy and programmes relating to drug testing fell under the purview of the

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Panel on Security. Dr Helena WONG then suggested that the subject of "youth development policy" be discussed by the Panel.

14. The Chairman said that he would convey members' views and suggestions on the items to be discussed by the Panel to the Administration during the forthcoming informal meeting between the Chairman/Deputy Chairman and the Secretary for Home Affairs to discuss the work plan for the 2013-2014 session.

IV. Any Other Business

Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project

15. Members agreed that the membership of the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project ("the Joint Subcommittee"), which was formed by the HA Panel and the Panel on Development ("the DEV Panel"), should be re-opened to members of the two Panels. The Chairman invited members to note that existing members of the Joint Subcommittee who had not given written notice to withdraw their membership would remain as members of the Joint Subcommittee. Mr Christopher CHUNG said that in his view, the Joint Subcommittee should continue its work in the 2013-2014 session, so as to keep monitoring various ongoing issues relating to the implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project.

(Post-meeting note: Members of the DEV Panel agreed at its first meeting held later on the same day of the HA Panel meeting that the membership of the Joint Subcommittee should be re-opened. The notice to members of the HA and DEV Panels regarding the membership of the Subcommittee was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)41/13-14 on 11 October 2013.)

16. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:55 am.