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Bills Committee on Kai Tak Cruise Terminal Bill

Minutes of the first meeting held on Tuesday, 20 October 2015, at 4:30 pm in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present: Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP (Chairman)

Hon James TO Kun-sun

Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, JP

Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS

Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP

Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

Member absent: Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS

Public Officers attending

Agenda item II

Commerce and Economic Development Bureau

Miss Rosanna LAW, JP

Deputy Commissioner for Tourism

Mr George TSOI

Assistant Commissioner for Tourism 4

Ms Carrie LEE

Senior Administrative Officer (Tourism)4

Department of Justice

Mr Henry CHAN

Senior Government Counsel (Acting)

Miss Queenie WU Government Counsel

Clerk in attendance: Ms Debbie YAU

Chief Council Secretary (4)5

Staff in attendance: Ms Clara TAM

Assistant Legal Adviser 9

Ms Lauren LI

Council Secretary (4)5

Ms Margie LI

Senior Legislative Assistant (4)3

Ms Zoe TONG

Legislative Assistant (4)5

Mr Griffin FUNG

Legislative Assistant (4)8

Action

I. Election of Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr CHAN Kam-lam, the member with the highest precedence among those present at the meeting, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Bills Committee. He invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Bills Committee.

2. Mr CHAN Kam-lam was nominated by <u>Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok</u> and the nomination was seconded by <u>Mr Andrew LEUNG</u>. <u>Mr CHAN Kam-Lam</u> accepted the nomination. As Mr CHAN was being nominated, <u>Mr James TO</u>, the member present who had the highest precedence among the members not

<u>Action</u>

nominated for the office presided over the election, and called for other nominations. As there was no other nomination, <u>Mr TO</u> declared Mr CHAN Chairman of the Bills Committee.

3. <u>Members</u> agreed that there was no need to elect a Deputy Chairman.

II. Meeting with the Administration

(LC Paper No. CB(3)828/14-15 — The Bill

File Ref: TC CR/T4/22/9/2 — Legislative Council Brief

issued by the Commerce and Economic Development

Bureau

LC Paper No. LS85/14-15 — Legal Service Division Report

LC Paper No. CB(4)41/15-16(01) — Marked-up copy of related

amendments to existing three items of subsidiary legislation prepared by the Legal Service Division (Restricted to

members only)

LC Paper No. CB(4)41/15-16(02) — Paper on Kai Tak Cruise

Terminal Bill prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat

(background brief))

Discussion

4. <u>The Bills Committee</u> deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Follow-up action to be taken by the Administration

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5. <u>Members</u> requested to provide written information to justify the need for enacting a new piece of primary legislation and provide the reasons why existing legislation for regulation of port facilities, such as the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance (Cap. 313) and the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited By-laws (Cap. 1023A), could not be applied to the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal ("KTCT"), with reference to the homeport status and mode of operation of KTCT.

III. Any other business

Invitation of views and visit

6. <u>Members</u> agreed that it was not necessary to invite views on the Bill or to conduct a visit to KTCT.

Date of next meeting

7. <u>Members</u> agreed to hold the next meeting of the Bills Committee in mid November 2015.

(*Post-meeting note:* The next meeting of the Bills Committee would be held on 24 November 2015, and the notice of meeting was issued on 27 October 2015 vide LC Paper No. CB(4)122/15-16.)

8. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:28 pm.

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<u>Legislative Council Secretariat</u>
17 November 2015

Proceedings of the first meeting of the Bills Committee on Kai Tak Cruise Terminal Bill on Tuesday, 20 October 2015, at 4:30 pm in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required			
Agenda ite	Agenda item I – Election of Chairman					
000149 – 000352	Mr CHAN Kam-lam Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok Mr Andrew LEUNG Mr James TO	Election of Chairman				
Agenda ite	m II – Meeting with the A	dministration				
000353 – 001659	Chairman Administration	Briefing by the Administration on the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal Bill ("the Bill") (Legislative Council ("LegCo") Brief, File Ref.: TC CR/T4/22/9/2) with the aid of powerpoint presentation (LC Paper No. CB(4)96/15-16(01))				
001700 – 003010	Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok Administration Mr James TO	designated port facilities such as the Ocean Terminal				
		In response to members' questions, the Administration advised that –				
		(a) OT, another cruise terminal in Hong Kong, was constructed, owned and commercially operated by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited. Unlike OT, KTCT was owned by the Government which had leased its management and operation to a private operator (i.e. Worldwide Cruise Terminals Consortium ("WCTC")) under a 10-year tenancy; and				
		(b) having regard to the limitations of the regulation making powers under SPCO, it was necessary to enact new primary legislation with an express "fee-charging" provision to reflect the intention for the relevant fees and charges to be collected on a commercial basis and beyond cost-recovery level.				

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		Taking note of Mr James TO's concerns about KTCT's homeport status and the need to clearly delineate the restricted areas and otherwise to facilitate the use and enjoyment of the public space, the Administration undertook to provide further information to explain why existing legal framework governing similar port facilities was not applicable to KTCT.	
003011 – 003541	Mr YIU Si-wing Administration	Mr YIU Si-wing agreed that a new piece of primary legislation was required to provide legal backing for the regulation of KTCT which was much larger and accommodating more facilities than other berthing facilities in Hong Kong.	
		In reply to his question on the division of work between the operator and the Government in the management of KTCT, the Administration explained that the operator was now managing about 70% of the area of KTCT, including the apron, baggage handling area, waiting hall and commercial floor area of some 5 600 square meters. The remaining 30% was the space for the public which was overseen by a building management contractor, and other Government facilities such as customs, immigration, quarantine, police and detention facilities which were managed by the respective government departments. The Administration further advised that the respective delineation of and division of work for the 70% and 30% areas had been clearly set out in the tenancy agreement signed with WCTC. The Bill did not have any implication on the division of work and manpower deployment for KTCT which however could be reviewed and adjusted according to needs and workload in the future.	
003542 – 004248	Mr SIN Chung-kai Administration	In response to Mr SIN Chung-kai's enquiry about the legal basis regarding the security arrangements of KTCT in the past two years, the Administration explained that — (a) as in the case of other designated port facilities, under the Merchant Shipping (Security of Ships and Port Facilities) Rules (Cap. 582A) and the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, WCTC was required to comply with the security requirements as stipulated in the Port Facility Security Plan ("PFSP"), such as establishing the "restricted areas" at KTCT, identifying measures for prevention of	

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		unauthorized access to KTCT (such as issuing restricted area pass) and procedures for responding to security threats or breaches of security, etc. The Administration remarked that with PFSP in place, the operation of KTCT had been smooth and orderly so far; and	
		(b) after the passage of the Bill, PFSP would remain in force alongside the provisions of the ordinance. Meanwhile, for enforcement by police and immigration etc, they were governed by respective laws, such as the Police Force Ordinance (Cap. 232) and the Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115).	
004249 – 004900	Mr Tony TSE Administration Chairman	Discussion on the mode of operation of and types of vessels involved in KTCT and other designated port facilities	
004901 – 005630	Mr Paul TSE Administration	Discussion on the different modes of operation and security needs of KTCT and OT	
		Mr Paul TSE considered it more straight-forward to amend SPCO to achieve the objectives of the Bill. In response, the Administration advised that according to legal advice, SPCO governed designated cross-boundary port facilities which were operated by the Government without any commercial elements. As such, revising SPCO might involve consequential amendments to SPCO and its subsidiary legislation which might even take longer time than enacting a new piece of primary legislation.	
		As regard Mr TSE's concern of strengthening the legal framework for OT to enhance its security arrangements, the Administration said that it would not rule out such a need, as OT was undergoing expansion and might set up permanent immigration, customs and quarantine facilities.	
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005631 – 005927	Chairman	Invitation of views and visit Date of next meeting	

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