

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 6 October 2014)

Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration

- 1. 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 Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in Beijing in 2013-2014**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the work of the eleven overseas Economic and Trade Offices, the Office of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in Beijing, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices in Guangdong, Shanghai, Chengdu and Wuhan, as well as the Hong Kong Economic, Trade and Cultural Office (Taiwan) since its last report in October 2013.

21 October 2014

- 2. Trade relations between Hong Kong and Taiwan**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest developments of the trade relations between Hong Kong and Taiwan, including trade promotion, investment promotion, tourism etc.

21 October 2014

- 3. Comprehensive review of the Innovation and Technology Fund**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the findings and recommendations of the comprehensive review of the Innovation and Technology Fund. Approval will be sought from the Finance Committee afterwards.

Fourth quarter of
2014

- 4. Launching of a new Enterprise Support Scheme to replace the Small Entrepreneur Research Assistance Programme under the Innovation and Technology Fund**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the details and timeframe for launching the Enterprise Support Scheme to

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strengthen financial support for companies which conduct in-house research and development. Approval will be sought from the Finance Committee afterwards.

5. Application of the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

The Administration will brief the Panel on the consultation concerning the application of the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Fourth quarter of 2014/first quarter of 2015

6. Review of fees and charges of the Intellectual Property Department

The Administration will brief the Panel on the review of fees and charges of the Intellectual Property Department.

Fourth quarter of 2014/first quarter of 2015

7. Briefings by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development and the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2015 Policy Address

The Administration will brief the Panel on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2015 Policy Address.

January 2015

8. Promotion of inward investment

The Administration will update the Panel on the work of Invest Hong Kong in 2014 and outline the way forward for 2015.

First quarter of 2015

9. Report on the outcome of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation Review

The Administration will brief the Panel on the outcome of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation Review, including proposed long-term development direction of the Hong Kong Science Park and industrial estates.

First quarter of 2015

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10. Progress of the Working Group on Intellectual Property Trading

The Administration will report to the Panel the progress of the Working Group on Intellectual Property Trading. First/second quarter of 2015

11. Proposed legislative changes to the Patents Ordinance

The Administration will brief the Panel on the legislative changes to the Patents Ordinance and the progress of implementing the "original grant" patent system and the refined short-term patent system. The Administration plans to introduce the relevant legislative proposal into the Legislative Council in the second quarter of 2015. First/second quarter of 2015

12. Progress report on the implementation of the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest implementation progress of the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales. Second quarter of 2015

13. Progress report on Research and Development Centres 2014-2015

The Administration will report to the Panel on Research and Development Centres' operation for 2014-2015. Second quarter of 2015

14. Trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest developments of the trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong, including the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, assisting Hong Kong enterprises in upgrading and exploring domestic sales in the Mainland, investment promotion, customs clearance of goods, intellectual property rights, tourism, innovation and technology, creative industries, etc. Second/third quarter of 2015

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15. Progress on further liberalization under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest development of the economic and trade co-operation and exchanges between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the Central People's Government under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, as and when there are significant developments.

To be confirmed

16. Diversified development of industries in Hong Kong

As agreed at the Panel meeting on 21 January 2014 and on the instruction of the Panel Chairman, the Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the initiatives in promoting diversified development of industries, including the fashion industry in Hong Kong as soon as practicable.

To be confirmed

17. Promoting the industrialization of the beauty industry in Hong Kong

At the Panel meeting on 21 January 2014, the Panel passed a motion moved by Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan on "Promoting the industrialization of the beauty industry in Hong Kong". The Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the relevant initiatives as soon as practicable.

To be confirmed

18. Promoting wider application of intellectual property rights through tax reduction

The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2011 ("the Bill") was passed by the Legislative Council on 7 December 2011. The main object of the Bill was to extend the scope of specified intellectual property rights ("IPRs") of profit tax deduction to cover capital expenditure for purchase of three types of IPRs, namely registered trade marks, copyrights and registered designs.

To be confirmed

Taking into consideration that the objective of the proposed tax deduction was to promote the wider application of IPRs, the Bills Committee had requested the Administration to

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relay to the Financial Secretary for future consideration outside the context of the Bill the suggestion of extending the proposed tax deduction scheme to more types of IPRs. At the request of the Bills Committee, the issue had been referred to the Panel for consideration to follow up. Panel members agreed that the issue should be discussed at a future Panel meeting.

19. Progress report of the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification

(Remark: The Administration sought the Panel's views about the Review Report of the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification ("HKCTC") on 16 April 2013 and then reported to the Panel the work progress of HKCTC on 19 November 2013. HKCTC also issued a report on its website for public viewing in April 2014. In view of the above, the Administration suggested that the Panel be updated on the work of HKCTC later in 2015 so as to have a better discussion of measures to be introduced in the interim.)

20. Research and development of Chinese medicines

(Remark: An update on Innovation and Technology Commission's support on research and development of Chinese medicines was presented to the Panel on 17 June 2014. In view of the time required for R&D deliverables, the Administration suggested that the item be discussed at a later date.)

21. Implementation of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement

(Remark: The Administration suggested that the implementation of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement be discussed under the item on trade relations between Mainland and Hong Kong i.e. item 14 above.)