

Panel on Commerce and Industry

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 25 October 2019)**

**Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration**

1. Report on the work of the overseas Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices and the Offices of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in the Mainland and Taiwan in 2018-2019

The Administration will brief the Panel on the work of the 13 overseas Economic and Trade Offices ("ETOs"), 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 the last report in November 2018.

19 November 2019

At the meeting on 18 October 2019, members requested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the work of the overseas ETOs in the past few months in explaining to the governments of the United States and European countries Hong Kong's actual situation with regard to the protests arising from the Fugitive Offenders and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019.

2. Progress report on Research and Development Centres and extension of operation of the Centres beyond 2020-2021

The Administration will brief the Panel on the operation of the Research and Development ("R&D") Centres and seek the Panel's support to extend the operation of the R&D Centres beyond 2020-2021.

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3. Progress of development of Trade Single Window

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of the development of Trade Single Window ("TSW") and seek the Panel's support for the funding proposal for the information technology system for implementation of Phase 2 of TSW.

December 2019

4. Progress of the implementation of the Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of the implementation of the Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme and the way forward.

December 2019

5. Updating the Rules of the High Court (Cap. 4A) in relation to court proceedings under the Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514), Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap. 522) and Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559)

The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposed legislative exercise to update the Rules of the High Court and three other relevant pieces of subsidiary legislation.

First quarter of 2020

6. Latest development of the Hong Kong Science Park and industrial estates

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest development of the Hong Kong Science Park and industrial estates.

First quarter of 2020

7. 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.

First quarter of 2020

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8. Progress report of the funding schemes under the Innovation and Technology Fund

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest progress of the funding schemes under the Innovation and Technology Fund ("ITF").

First quarter of 2020

At the meeting on 15 January 2019, the Administration was requested to provide supplementary information on the details of each of the funding schemes under ITF since their launch. The Administration's reply was circulated to members on 18 March 2019 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)724/18-19(01). At the meeting on 19 March 2019, the Panel considered Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan's request and agreed to further discuss with the Administration the effectiveness of the funding schemes under ITF.

9. Findings of the survey of companies in Hong Kong with parent companies located outside Hong Kong and the survey of startups in Hong Kong

The Administration will brief the Panel on the key findings of the two surveys.

First quarter of 2020

10. Revamp of the small and medium enterprise service centres under Trade and Industry Department, Hong Kong Productivity Council, Hong Kong Trade Development Council and Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation

The Administration will brief the Panel on the enhanced integrated services to be provided by the various small and medium enterprise ("SME") service centres after the revamp, as well as the simplified application procedures adopted under various SME-related funding schemes.

Second quarter of
2020

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11. Hong Kong's participation in the Belt and Road Initiative

The Administration will brief the Panel on the development and work of the Government in promoting Hong Kong's participation in the Belt and Road Initiative.

Second quarter of
2020

12. Promotion of inward investment

The Administration will update the Panel on the work of Invest Hong Kong in 2019 and outline the way forward for 2020-2021.

Second quarter of
2020

13. Convention and exhibition facilities in Hong Kong

The Administration will brief the Panel on the development of convention and exhibition facilities in Hong Kong.

Second quarter of
2020

14. Impact of the recent social incidents and the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 on Hong Kong's economy and the business environment of various industries

At the meeting on 18 October 2019, members raised concern about the impact of the recent social incidents and the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 passed by the United States House of Representatives on 15 October 2019 on Hong Kong's economy and the business environment of various industries, in particular SMEs and micro-enterprises. Members suggested that the Panel should hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Economic Development ("ED Panel") and invite the Administration to brief members on the support measures for various industries, as well as the current situation and forecast of Hong Kong's business environment in the midst of the impact of the protests arising from the Fugitive Offenders and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019, the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 and the trade conflict between China and the United States. There was also a view that the Panel might subject to circumstances consider inviting representatives from relevant organizations and major stakeholders of various industries to attend the proposed joint meeting and give views on the related subjects.

To be confirmed

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Administration

Chairman of ED Panel has agreed to hold the proposed joint meeting. At its meeting on 18 October 2019, ED Panel also suggested that the Panel on Financial Affairs and the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting be invited to hold the proposed joint meeting and discuss the related subjects. The suggestion was subsequently agreed by the Chairmen of these two Panels. The proposed joint meeting will be held by the four Panels.

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