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Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 17 October 2019, at 6:00 pm
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP (Chairman)
Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, GBS, JP
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Alvin YEUNG
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP
Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP
Hon HUI Chi-fung
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP

- Members absent** : Hon Claudia MO
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Hon HO Kai-ming
- Member attending** : Hon Kenneth LEUNG
- Clerk in attendance** : Mr Daniel SIN
Chief Council Secretary (1)6
- Staff in attendance** : Ms Anita SIT
Assistant Secretary General 1
- Ms Mandy LI
Senior Council Secretary (1)6
- Mr Patrick CHOI
Council Secretary (1)6
- Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1
- Ms Christy YAU
Legislative Assistant (1)7
- Ms Haley CHEUNG
Legislative Assistant (1)9
- Miss Yolanda CHEUK
Legislative Assistant (1)6

Ms Yvonna HO
Clerical Assistant (1)6

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Ms Elizabeth QUAT, Chairman of the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting ("the Panel") in office, presided over the election of Chairman for the 2019-2020 session and invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Mr Charles Peter MOK was nominated by Mr CHAN Chi-chuen and the nomination was seconded by Mr James TO. Mr Charles Peter MOK accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Ms Elizabeth QUAT declared that Mr Charles Peter MOK was elected Chairman of the Panel. Mr Charles Peter MOK then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship for the 2019-2020 session. Ms Elizabeth QUAT was nominated by Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok and the nomination was seconded by Mr Jeffrey LAM. Ms Elizabeth QUAT accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Ms Elizabeth QUAT was elected the Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2019-2020 session

4. The Chairman referred members to the proposed schedule of meetings for the 2019-2020 session tabled at the meeting. Members agreed that the monthly regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the second Monday of each month from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. As the second Monday of April (i.e. 13 April 2020) would be a public holiday, members agreed that the meeting in April 2020 should be re-scheduled for Monday, 20 April 2020 at 2:30 pm. The Deputy Chairman suggested that the meeting proposed to be held on 9 March 2020 should also be re-scheduled to a later date in the month as some members might be engaged in other business in early March. The Chairman instructed the Secretariat to follow up the meeting arrangements.

(Post-meeting note: The regular meeting in March 2020 is now rescheduled for 16 March 2020 at 2:30 pm. The schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for the 2019-2020 session was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)22/19-20 on 18 October 2019).

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(1)9/19-20 — List of outstanding items for discussion

Appendix VI to LC Paper No. CB(1)9/19-20 — List of follow-up actions)

Policy briefing on 29 October 2019

5. Members noted that a meeting would be held at 10:45 am on 29 October 2019 for the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, and Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development to brief the Panel on the relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address.

Regular meeting on 11 November 2019

6. Members agreed to discuss the following items proposed by the Administration at the regular meeting scheduled for 11 November 2019:

- (a) Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX (Block Allocation) – New Administrative Computer Systems; and
- (b) Review of telecommunications regulatory framework.

Proposed discussion items for future meetings

7. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the development of smart lampposts and to allay public concerns about whether the Government would install cameras with facial recognition capability for mass surveillance purpose.

8. Dr Priscilla LEUNG expressed concern about information being circulated freely in social media, some of which contained details, such as instructions on making explosive or incendiary devices, which might be used in criminal activities. She suggested that the Panel should, either on its own or jointly with other relevant panels, discuss issues relating to the legal liabilities of accessing and disseminating information in social networking platforms. The Deputy Chairman echoed Dr LEUNG's comments and suggested that the Clerk should convey members' views to relevant Panel(s) to explore the need for a joint discussion among Panels.

9. The Deputy Chairman said that dissemination of false information or seditious remarks on the Internet would have adverse impact on the society. She suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject matter and make reference to experience of other jurisdictions. The Chairman said that the issues proposed might not be entirely within the Panel's terms of reference. For example, issues relating to privacy and personal data would be under the purview of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs. He would, however, reflect members' views to the Administration for consideration.

10. The Chairman said that in line with past practice, he and the Deputy Chairman would meet with the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, and Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development to discuss the work plan of the Panel for the 2019-2020 session. He would discuss with the Administration during the work plan meeting on how to follow up issues suggested by members.

IV. Any other business

11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:10 pm.