

Panel on Commerce and Industry

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 12 October 2020)**

**Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration**

1. Support measures for Small and Medium Enterprises

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest development of support measures for small and medium enterprises.

17 November 2020

2. Development of the Lok Ma Chau Loop

The Administration will consult the Panel on the funding proposal for the development of the Lok Ma Chau Loop including Main Works Package 1 (PWP Item No. 7760CL), batch 1 development of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park as well as the fire station and ambulance depot with departmental accommodations in Lok Ma Chau Loop (PWP Item No. 3178BF).

17 November 2020

3. Phase 2 of the Hong Kong Science Park Expansion Programme and the latest development of the Hong Kong Science Park and industrial estates

The Administration will consult the Panel on the allocation of HK\$3 billion to the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation to take forward Phase 2 of the Science Park Expansion Programme and brief the Panel on the latest development of the Hong Kong Science Park and industrial estates.

December 2020

4. Trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest development of the trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong.

December 2020

**Timing
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Administration**

5. 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.

First quarter of 2021

6. Support to Small and Medium Enterprises provided by Hong Kong Trade Development Council

The Administration will brief the Panel on the support to small and medium enterprises provided by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.

First quarter of 2021

7. Investment facilitation initiatives discussed at multilateral and regional fora

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of investment and trade facilitation initiatives being discussed at the World Trade Organization and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation.

First quarter of 2021

8. 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 2021

9. Implementation of the Free Trade Agreement and Investment Agreement between Hong Kong and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

The Administration will brief the Panel on the implementation of the Free Trade Agreement and Investment Agreement between Hong Kong and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

First or second quarter of 2021

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Administration**

10. Promotion of inward investment

The Administration will update the Panel on the work of Invest Hong Kong in 2020 and outline the way forward for 2021-2022.

Second quarter of
2021

11. 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.

Second quarter of
2021

12. Implementation of the Original Grant Patent System

The Administration will brief the Panel on the implementation of the Original Grant Patent System, which was launched in December 2019.

Second quarter of
2021

13. Progress report on Research and Development Centres in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021

The Administration will brief the Panel on the operation of the Research and Development Centres in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

Second quarter of
2021

14. Convention and exhibition industry in Hong Kong

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

Second quarter of
2021

15. Outcome of the Twelfth World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference

The Administration will brief the Panel on the outcome of the Twelfth World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference.

Second quarter of
2021

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Administration**

16. 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.

To be confirmed

17. 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 2019-2020

In view of the latest developments of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Administration has proposed to call off annual meeting for Heads of overseas Economic and Trade Offices ("ETOs") and Mainland Offices in 2020. As advised by the Administration, members may wish to refer to the regular bi-monthly reports submitted to the Legislative Council by overseas and Mainland ETOs, the latest one covering July and August 2020 will be available in mid-October 2020.

The Administration has proposed that this item be removed from the list