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**Paper for the House Committee meeting
on 17 July 1998**

**Report of the Subcommittee to prepare for the setting up of the
Select Committee to inquire into matters relating to the
opening of the new airport at Chek Lap Kok**

Purpose

This paper reports on the deliberations of the Subcommittee to prepare for the setting up of the Select Committee to inquire into matters relating to the opening of the new airport at Chek Lap Kok and invites the House Committee to endorse the Subcommittee's recommendations.

Background

2. At the House Committee meeting held on 10 July 1998, Members agreed that -
 - (a) a select committee be set up by a resolution in Council within July 1998 to inquire into matters relating to the opening of the new airport at Chek Lap Kok;
 - (b) the select committee would not commence work for a period of not more than three months to allow time for the independent team appointed by the Chief Executive to complete its investigation and submit its report to the Chief Executive, when it would determine how to proceed with the inquiry ; and

- (c) a subcommittee be formed to undertake preparatory work for the setting up of the select committee.

The Subcommittee

3. The Subcommittee comprises 24 Members, with Hon LAU Kong-wah and Hon Mrs Selina CHOW elected Chairman and Deputy Chairman respectively. The membership list of the Subcommittee is in Appendix 1.

Recommendations by the Subcommittee

4. The Subcommittee met on 16 July 1998 and its recommendations are detailed in paragraphs 5 to 8 below.

Draft resolution

5. The Subcommittee has agreed to propose to the House Committee for endorsement the wording of the resolution (Appendix 2) on the understanding that **before the investigation report of the team appointed by the Chief Executive to investigate the operations of the new airport is available or before the lapse of the three-month period after the date when the resolution was passed by the Council, whichever is the earlier,**

- (a) the Select Committee **will not** exercise the statutory power conferred by section 9(1) of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382) ; but
- (b) the Select Committee **may** proceed with the following preparatory work which does not involve outside parties/persons:
- collection of open information
 - convening meetings for internal discussions and keeping itself informed of relevant developments

6. The Subcommittee proposes that the resolution be moved by its chairman at the Council meeting on 29 July 1998.

Size of the Select Committee and the procedure for nominating its Chairman, Deputy Chairman and members

7. In accordance with Rule 78(2) of the Rules of Procedure, the President shall decide the size of every select committee and shall appoint the chairman, deputy chairman and members thereof, taking into account the recommendations of the House Committee.

8. The Subcommittee proposes that -

- (a) **the size of the Select Committee should be 13 ;**
- (b) **nomination of Members to the Select Committee should be made orally at the House Committee meeting on Friday, 24 July 1998**, assuming that the Select Committee will be established by resolution in the Council on 29 July 1998 ;
- (c) after the nomination of Members to the Select Committee, the House Committee should adjourn for 10 minutes to enable the **nominated Members to consider which of them should be nominated as Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Select Committee ;**
- (d) the **House Committee** will then resume and **be asked to endorse the proposed composition of the Select Committee ;** and
- (e) after the passage of the resolution on 29 July 1998, **the Chairman of the House Committee will make a recommendation to the President on the chairmanship, deputy chairmanship and membership of the Select Committee.**

Advice sought

9. Members are invited to endorse the Subcommittee's recommendations in paragraphs 5 to 8 above.

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16 July 1998

籌備成立調查有關赤鱘角新機場啓用事宜專責委員會的
小組委員會

**Subcommittee to prepare for the setting up of the
select Committee to inquire into matters relating to the
opening of the new airport at Chek Lap Kok**

委員名單
Membership List

劉江華議員(主席)	Hon LAU Kong-wah (Chairman)
周梁淑怡議員(副主席)	Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, JP (Deputy Chairman)
田北俊議員	Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, JP
朱幼麟議員	Hon David CHU Yu-lin
何秀蘭議員	Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
何承天議員	Hon Edward HO Sing-tin, JP
何俊仁議員	Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
何鍾泰議員	Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP
李永達議員	Hon LEE Wing-tat
李家祥議員	Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP
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陳鑑林議員	Hon CHAN Kam-lam
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蔡素玉議員	Hon CHOY So-yuk
鄭家富議員	Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
霍震霆議員	Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, JP

總數：24 名委員
Total：24 members

擬稿
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就「委任專責委員會」提出的決議案

決議案措辭

「議決委任一個專責委員會調查赤鱘角新香港國際機場自 1998 年 7 月 6 日開始運作時所出現的問題的原委及有關事宜；委員會展開調查的日期，由委員會經考慮行政長官委派的調查新機場運作的小組所作出的調查報告後訂定，或為本會議決委任該委員會的日期起計三個月後（以較早者為準）；而該委員會在執行其職務時獲授權根據《立法局（權力及特權）條例》（第 382 章）第 9(2)條行使該條例第 9(1)條所賦予的權力。」

Resolution on "Appointment of Select Committee"
Wording of resolution

"Resolved that a select committee be appointed to inquire into the circumstances leading to the problems surrounding the commencement of the operation of the new Hong Kong International Airport at Chek Lap Kok since 6 July 1998, and related issues, with the date for commencement of inquiry being either the date as determined by the committee after it has considered the investigation report of the team appointed by the Chief Executive to investigate the operations of the new airport, or upon the lapse of three months after the date when this resolution was passed by this Council, whichever is the earlier; and that in the performance of its duties the committee be authorised under section 9(2) of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382) to exercise the powers conferred by section 9(1) of that Ordinance."