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Paper for the House Committee Meeting on 17 December 1999

Meetings-cum-luncheons with District Council Members

Purpose

This paper invites Members to consider the arrangements for holding regular meetings-cum-luncheons with members of the District Councils in the 1999-2000 legislative session.

Background

2. Meetings-cum-luncheons have been organized since mid 1980s for Members of the Legislative Council (LegCo) to meet members of the District Boards on a regular basis to exchange views on matters of mutual concern as well as to enhance communication between the legislature and the District Boards. In the last legislative session, in order that a complete cycle of meetings with all Provisional District Boards (PDBs) could be conducted, separate meetings with two PDBs were held concurrently, followed by a joint luncheon in the Dining Hall.

Proposed Arrangements

3. The term of office of the District Councils will commence on 1 January 2000. If the next cycle of meetings is to commence within the current LegCo session, meetings-cum-luncheons could be scheduled for the period between late February 2000 and early June 2000. Scheduling the first meeting-cum-luncheon in late February 2000 would allow time to consult the District Council concerned on what subject matters they would like to raise with LegCo Members and to prepare the Members' brief to facilitate a more fruitful discussion. The last meeting-cum-luncheon should be held no later than early June 2000 as the current LegCo term will end on 30 June 2000; Members are expected to be preoccupied with the business of the Council in the latter half of June 2000.

4. In line with established practice, meetings-cum-luncheons could be held on a three to four weekly basis on a Thursday morning from 10:45 am to 12:30 pm. On each occasion, two meetings could take place concurrently in different conference rooms, to be followed by a joint luncheon for members of

both District Councils. Under such arrangements and taking account of the sequence of the meetings in the previous cycle, meetings with the following 10 District Councils could be held within the current session -

North
Central and Western
Sai Kung
Kowloon City
South
Tuen Mun
Yau Tsim Mong
Tai Po
Sham Shui Po
Eastern

A meeting schedule is proposed in the Appendix.

5. Subject to Members' agreement to holding the meetings-cum-luncheons, Members (except the President) will be divided into groups each comprising nine or 10 Members to attend meetings with District Council members on a roster basis. Meetings with those District Councils which belong to the same geographical constituency in the LegCo elections will be arranged to be held on different dates so as to enable Members elected from geographical constituencies to meet as many District Councils of their respective constituencies as possible.

Consultation with the Administration and District Councils

6. Subject to Members' views and endorsement of the proposed arrangements set out in paragraphs 3 to 5 above, the LegCo Secretariat will consult the District Councils through the Home Affairs Department immediately after the commencement of the term of office of the District Councils on 1 January 2000.

Members' Advice

7. Members' views are sought on the proposed arrangements set in paragraphs 3 to 5 above.

Paper for the House Committee Meeting on 7 January 2000

**Revised Appendix to
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**Legislative Council Members'
Meetings-cum-Luncheons with District Council Members**

Proposed Schedule

*Two meetings to be held concurrently at different venues
with a joint luncheon afterwards*

<u>District Council</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>
North	24 February 2000
Central & Western	24 February 2000
Sai Kung	16 March 2000
Kowloon City	16 March 2000
Southern	13 April 2000
Tuen Mun	13 April 2000
Yau Tsim Mong	4 May 2000
Tai Po	4 May 2000
Sham Shui Po	8 June 2000
Eastern	8 June 2000