

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the special meeting held on Thursday 2 September 2010 at 2:30 pm

Members present:

President

The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP

The Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

The Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, SBS, JP

The Hon James TO Kun-sun

The Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

The Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP

The Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP

The Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Dr the Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS

The Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP

The Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP

The Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

The Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

The Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP

The Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP

The Hon LI Fung-ying, SBS, JP

The Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP

The Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP

The Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

The Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP

The Hon LEE Wing-tat

Dr the Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP

The Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP

The Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP

The Hon CHIM Pui-chung

Prof the Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP

The Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH

The Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

The Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP

Dr the Hon LAM Tai-fai, BBS, JP

The Hon CHAN Hak-kan

The Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP

Dr the Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun

Dr the Hon LEUNG Ka-lau

The Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che

The Hon WONG Sing-chi

The Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP

The Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP

Dr the Hon PAN Pey-chyou

The Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun

Dr the Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP

The Hon Tanya CHAN

Members absent:

Ir Dr the Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP

The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Dr the Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP

Dr the Hon Margaret NG

The Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP

The Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP

The Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP

The Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH

The Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP

The Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP

The Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

The Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP

The Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS

The Hon IP Wai-ming, MH

The Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

The Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

The Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

The Hon WONG Yuk-man

Public officers attending:

The Hon Ambrose LEE Siu-kwong, GBS, IDSM, JP
Secretary for Security

The Hon Matthew CHEUNG Kin-chung, GBS, JP
Secretary for Labour and Welfare

The Hon Mrs Rita LAU NG Wai-lan, JP
Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Mr LAI Tung-kwok, SBS, IDSM, JP
Under Secretary for Security

Clerks in attendance:

Ms Pauline NG Man-wah, Secretary General

Mrs Justina LAM CHENG Bo-ling, Assistant Secretary General (3)

Obituary tribute

The Council observed one minute's silence to mourn the Hong Kong people who died in the incident of a Hong Kong tour group being taken hostage in the Philippines on 23 August 2010.

Members' Motions

The incident of a Hong Kong tour group being taken hostage in the Philippines

The President stated that in response to the request of Members, he had called the special meeting under Rule 15(2) of the Rules of Procedure to enable Members to debate on the motion.

Hon Miriam LAU moved the following motion and spoke on the motion:

That this Council is deeply shocked and saddened that the taking of a Hong Kong tour group as hostages by a gunman on 23 August this year during its visit to the Philippines has ended up in a tragedy with heavy casualties, and wishes to express its profound condolences to the Hong Kong people who died and extend its deepest sympathy to those who were injured and to the family members of the deceased and injured; this Council expresses its strong dissatisfaction at the serious failures that had obviously occurred in the Philippine Government's operation to rescue the hostages which resulted in innocent Hong Kong people being killed, and urges the SAR Government to:

- (a) solemnly demand the Philippine Government to expeditiously conduct an investigation into the incident; proactively strive to directly take part in the investigation work concerned to find out the truth about the incident and make public the investigation report so as to give a clear account to the deceased and injured and their family members; and demand the Philippine Government to offer a public apology and compensation to the deceased and injured and their family members;
- (b) expeditiously take measures and actions to render full assistance to the injured and survivors as well as the family members of the deceased and injured;
- (c) formulate a contingency mechanism to deal with similar incidents in the future and clearly define the negotiation channels for the SAR Government and its role in incidents involving Hong Kong people in distress overseas; and
- (d) discuss with the tourism sector the relevant follow-up work.

Question on Hon Miriam LAU's motion proposed.

The Secretary for Security spoke on the motion.

A Member spoke on the motion.

Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou spoke on the motion and declared that he had known Dr Dawson FONG To-sang, who was in charge of the team which conducted brain surgeries on Mr Jason LEUNG Song-xue, one of the injured tour members, for years since they were schoolmates of the same grade in secondary school and university.

Twenty-four other Members spoke on the motion.

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare as well as the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development spoke on the motion.

The Secretary for Security spoke again.

Hon Miriam LAU replied.

Question on Hon Miriam LAU's motion put and agreed to.

End of meeting

The President stated that the first Council meeting of the 2010-2011 session would be held on 13 October 2010 at 11:00 am.

The Council was adjourned at 6:11 pm.

(Jasper TSANG Yok-sing)
President
21 October 2010

Council Chamber
Hong Kong