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President's Foreword



".....I maintain that the President cannot make political compromises, and must only consider procedural points in ruling on any requests."

he year 2003 will be remembered in Hong Kong for several unprecedented challenges. These include the outbreak of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), the July 1st mass rally and the continuing stagnant economy.

The 2002-2003 session of the Legislative Council will also be remembered for the introduction of several pieces of controversial legislation, most notably the National Security (Legislative Provisions) Bill and the Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2003.

During the session, 41 bills were introduced into the Council, 38 by the Government and three by Members. Together with 21 bills brought forward from the previous session, the total was 62, of which 34 were enacted. The remaining 28 bills were carried forward to the next session.

Moreover, 250 items of subsidiary legislation were tabled in the Council for vetting. The scrutiny of 238 items was completed, with 24 of them amended and two repealed by the Council on the initiative of either Government officials or Members. The remaining 12 items will continue to be scrutinized in the next session.

In regard to subsidiary legislation which had to be approved by the Council, Government officials moved a total of 22 motions to either make or amend subsidiary legislation during the session. All were passed.

During the year, I made nine rulings on Council matters. As President, my stance has always been to implement the Rules of Procedure faithfully while taking into consideration relevant precedents. While this has sometimes attracted criticisms I maintain that the President cannot

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make political compromises, and must only consider procedural points in ruling on any requests. I fully accept that in order to preserve the integrity of the Rules of Procedure, I may have to pay the price of being misunderstood and blamed by those holding opposing views.

As President of the Legislative Council, it is my responsibility to perform my duties without fear or favour, and to honour the pledge I made when I assumed the office of President.

Recently, I note that the conduct of some Members has aroused public concern. As President, I do not have the authority to regulate the conduct of Members outside the Council. However, I am responsible for regulating their conduct inside the Council Chamber, and I have striven to ensure that inappropriate language is not used at meetings. It is also most important for Members to bear in mind that they are responsible for their own conduct and that they are answerable to the public for their behaviour.

In the 2001-2002 session, relations between the Government and Legislative Council were less than harmonious. Regrettably, I saw little improvement during this session, despite the accountability system. I urge both Members and the Government to act for the common good of Hong Kong people by being constructive in their considerations; and by avoiding pointless arguments that often arise from subjective personal views and lead to ill feelings on both sides.

I wish to pay tribute to my colleagues in the Legislative Council for their efforts in undertaking their duties as legislators and also express my appreciation to the Legislative Council Secretariat staff for their full support.

I would also like to add my personal tribute to all personnel, and in particular the medical staff, who have devoted their unflagging energy to combat the SARS outbreak. Their fine examples have earned them the respect of Hong Kong people as well as the international community.

Finally, looking to the future, I hope to maintain a high calibre Council which commands the respect of both the Administration and the general public. I hope our debates will be both spirited and of high quality, with Members exercising mutual respect for all views.

Rita FAN President

Legislative Council

Group Photo of Members



From left to right: First row (seated):

Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee (President's Deputy) Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (President) Hon Fred LI Wah-ming Hon NG Leung-sing
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing Hon SIN Chung-kai

Second Row: Hon LEUNG Fu-wah Hon WONG Yung-kan Hon CHOY So-yuk Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan Hon Albert HO Chun-yan Dr Hon YEUNG Sum Hon IP Kwok-him Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou Hon CHAN Kam-lam Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting

Third Row: Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him Hon WONG Sing-chi Hon James TO Kun-sun Hon Howard YOUNG Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun Hon James TIEN Pei-chun Hon CHAN Kwok-keung Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing

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Fourth Row:

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan Hon CHAN Yuen-han Hon LI Fung-ying Hon Margaret NG Dr Hon LO Wing-lok Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee Hon Bernard CHAN Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip Hon LAU Ping-cheung Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Fifth Row:

Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung Hon Henry WU King-cheong Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong Hon TAM Yiu-chung Hon LAU Kong-wah Hon MA Fung-kwok Hon SZETO Wah Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen Hon HUI Cheung-ching Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

Absent:

Hon LAU Chin-shek and Hon LAU Wong-fat

Major Events in Pictures

For Charity



Members lend a hand to the Helping Hand in its Cookie Campaign 2003 to raise funds for the elderly. They are: (above) Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council; (below) Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming; (opposite page, above) Hon Fred LI Wahming and (opposite page, below) Hon LAU Ping-cheung.







Despite the outbreak of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), six Members, including (left) Hon TAM Yiu-chung, Hon IP Kwok-him and (below) Hon CHOY So-yuk, participate in this year's Blood Donation, together with 24 persons, comprising Members' personal assistants, Legislative Council Secretariat staff and members of the public.





Members performing stretching exercises outside the Legislative Council Building in the official launch of Active 123.

Organized by the Friends of Hong Kong Sports Institute, whose members are Hong Kong's former and existing elite athletes, the campaign encourages people to live healthier lives.

Social Functions



Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council, hosts a Spring Gathering for the Chief Executive Mr TUNG Chee-hwa, Executive Council Members, senior Government officials and fellow Legislative Council Members. (Above) Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai chats with Members and Government officials; (below) Mr TUNG Chee-hwa exchanges views with Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting.







(Above) Members and guests guess the total cost of five Chinese New Year dishes in the "Guess the Cost" competition during the Spring Gathering; (below) Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai and Mr TUNG Chee-hwa present prizes to media representatives who have successfully guessed the winner of the "Guess the Cost" competition.





At another lunch gathering hosted by Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, Mr TUNG Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive, chats with Members.



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At the annual tea reception with six charity organizations, Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council, poses for a group photo with the chairmen. (From left) Mr YIM Yuk-lun, Chairman, Yan Chai Hospital; Mr KOON Kam-kwan, Chairman, The Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society; Mr YEUNG Chiu-sing, Chairman, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals; Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai; Dr Jimmy C.H. WONG, Chairman, Po Leung Kuk; Mr CHAN Chung-bun, Chairman, Pok Oi Hospital; and Ms Pauline NGAN, Chairman, Yan Oi Tong.

LEGCO FUN DAY



In "Treasure Hunt", participating Members and reporters search the Legislative Council Building for "treasures" and use them to form Chinese idioms.







Game adjudicator of "Treasure Hunt", Hon Henry WU King-cheong (first from right), presents the prize to the winning team, whose members include Hon NG Leung-sing (second from right) and two reporters.



Hon SIN Chung-kai shows reporters the pictures taken by his digital camera.



Members (above) and reporters (below) closely examine the articles laid out on the table for the "Owner Wanted" game, to guess which articles and Members go together.





Hon CHAN Kam-lam gives his all in the Karaoke Singing Contest.





In "Charades", Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee (in pink jacket), acts out a clue as team members (seated, from left): Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, Hon CHOY So-yuk and Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, try to guess the correct answer.



The annual LegCo Fun Day gives former and present Members the opportunity to meet. (Photo above, from right): Mr CHAN Wing-chan; Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung; Mr Edward HO Sing-tin and Hon CHOY So-yuk; (photo on the right, from right) Mr Edward HO Singtin; Hon James TO Kun-sun; Mr HO Sai-chu and Hon IP Kwok-him.



This year's LegCo Fun
Day emcees, Dr Hon
David CHU Yu-lin and
Miss Ada WONG from
the media.



Football Matches

Continuing last session's winning streak, the Legislative Council Football Team played three matches, crushing the Po Leung Kuk Team 5:2 and tying with the Radio Television Hong Kong Team 3:3 and the Senior Government Officials Team 1:1.

Legislative Council Football Team vs. Radio Television Hong Kong Team



Team members pose for pictures before the match.

Hon Bernard CHAN, captain of the Legislative Council Football Team, and Mr Alan TAM, pop singer and mid-field commander of the Radio Television Hong Kong Team, share a passion for football.



Legislative Council Football Team vs. Po Leung Kuk Team



The strikes organized by Hon Bernard CHAN (above) and Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo (below) resulted in a 5:2 victory over Po Leung Kuk.



Legislative Council Football Team vs. Senior Government Officials Team



Mid-fielder Dr Hon YEUNG Sum (above) and Hon WONG Sing-chi (right), and striker Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip (below), try to break through the Senior Government Officials' defense line.







Mr Donald TSANG, Chief Secretary for Administration, kicks off the match.



Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council, presents the trophy to Hon Bernard CHAN, captain of the Legislative Council Football Team, and Mr Jonathan McKinley, Assistant Director of Administration (Sustainable Development) 2 and captain of the Senior Government Officials Team, after the two teams tie at 1:1.

The Legislative Council

he Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) stipulates that the HKSAR shall be vested with legislative power and the Legislative Council is the legislature of the Region.

Powers and Functions

As provided for in Article 73 of the Basic Law, the Legislative Council of the HKSAR exercises the following powers and functions:

- To enact, amend or repeal laws in accordance with the provisions of the Basic Law and legal procedures;
- To examine and approve budgets introduced by the Government;
- To approve taxation and public expenditure;
- To receive and debate the policy addresses of the Chief Executive;
- To raise questions on the work of the Government;
- To debate any issue concerning public interests;
- To endorse the appointment and removal of the judges of the Court of Final Appeal and the Chief Judge of the High Court;
- To receive and handle complaints from Hong Kong residents;
- If a motion initiated jointly by one-fourth of all the Members of the Legislative Council charges the Chief Executive with serious breach of law or dereliction of duty and if he or she refuses to resign, the Council may, after passing a motion for

investigation, give a mandate to the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal to form and chair an independent investigation committee. The committee shall be responsible for carrying out the investigation and reporting its findings to the Council. If the committee considers the evidence sufficient to substantiate such charges, the Council may pass a motion of impeachment by a two-thirds majority of all its Members and report it to the Central People's Government for decision; and

 To summon, as required when exercising the above-mentioned powers and functions, persons concerned to testify or give evidence.

Composition

According to the Basic Law, the Legislative Council of the HKSAR is to be constituted by election. There are 60 Members for the second term of the Legislative Council (2000-2004), with 24 Members returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections, 30 Members by functional constituencies, and six Members by an Election Committee comprising 800 elected representatives of the community. The election for the second term of the Legislative Council was held on 10 September 2000 and the term of office is four years.

The President of the Legislative Council is elected by and from among Members of the Legislative Council.

The composition and biographies of Members who served on the Legislative Council in 2002-2003 are in *Appendices 1 and 2* respectively.

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Legislative Council Meetings

eetings of the Legislative Council are open to the public. They may be conducted in either Cantonese, English or Putonghua, with simultaneous interpretation provided. The proceedings of the meetings of the Council are broadcast live and are reported by the mass media. They are also recorded verbatim in the Official Record of Proceedings of the Meetings of the Legislative Council, and are accessible through the Council's website.

The business transacted at a regular Council meeting mainly comprises the tabling of subsidiary legislation and other papers and reports; asking of questions for replies by the Government; the consideration of bills; and debates on motions. During the period from October 2002 to July 2003, the Council held 36 meetings and sat for more than 281 hours.

Tabling of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Papers

Subsidiary legislation is any proclamation, rule, regulation, order, resolution, notice, rule of court, bylaw or other instruments made by the designated authorities under or by virtue of the relevant ordinances. It is subject to the scrutiny of the Council, which may be through either the negative vetting procedure or the positive vetting procedure.

Subsidiary legislation scrutinized through the negative vetting procedure is first published in the Gazette and then laid on the table of the Council at its meetings. Where considered necessary, the Council's House Committee may set up a subcommittee to study the subsidiary legislation in detail. A Member and/or a public

officer may, within a prescribed time limit, move a motion in Council to seek the Council's agreement to amend or repeal an item of subsidiary legislation that has been tabled.

During the session from October 2002 to July 2003, 250 items of subsidiary legislation were tabled in the Council. The scrutiny of 238 items was completed, with 24 of them amended and two repealed by the Council through the passage of motions moved by either Government officials or Members. The remaining 12 items tabled in the Council through the negative vetting procedure will continue to be scrutinized in the next session.

The scrutiny by the Council of subsidiary legislation through the positive vetting procedure is described later in this chapter, under Motions.

Other papers tabled at Council meetings include the annual reports of Government departments and public bodies, Government consultative documents, and reports of the Council's committees. Members and public officers presenting the reports may address the Council.

Questions

Members' concern for the well being of the community may be reflected through asking questions at Council meetings. The questions are aimed at seeking information on Government's actions or lack of actions on specific problems or incidents and on Government's policies. They are also raised for the purpose of monitoring the effectiveness of the Government.

Some questions originate from complaints handled under the Council's redress system; others are on problems that come to Members' attention in the course of their work in the Council or through their contacts with the public.

During the period under report, Members asked 160 oral questions on a wide range of subjects at Council meetings, and followed up with 1,006 supplementary questions. Another 455 questions seeking written replies by the Government were also asked.

Statements

Statements may be made by Government officials on issues of public concern at Council meetings. During the period under report, the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands made a statement on "Government's policy on housing" at the Council meeting on 13 November 2002; the Secretary for Security made a statement on "Bill to implement Article 23 of the Basic Law" at the Council meeting on 12 February 2003; and the Chief Secretary for Administration made statements on "Report of the Task Force on Population Policy" and "Interim Report on Measures to Improve Environmental Hygiene in Hong Kong" at the Council meetings on 26 February 2003 and 28 May 2003 respectively.

Petitions

Petitions may be presented to the Council by Members. The Member presenting a petition may make a speech giving a summary statement of the number and description of the petitioners and the substance of the petition. During the period under report, one petition was presented at the Council meeting on 30 April 2003.

Bills

The Government is primarily responsible for proposing new legislation or amendments to existing legislation, in the form of bills which are considered by the Council for enactment. Subject to meeting certain conditions, Members of the Council may also introduce bills into the Council. Broadly speaking, bills have one or more of the following purposes:

- To introduce new measures or policies, to create new organizations or institutions, or to make changes to existing organizations or institutions;
- To extend the scope of existing legislation;
- To improve and update existing legislation;
- To modify or reform the machinery of Government; or
- To appropriate funds for public expenditure and to raise revenue.

A bill is first published in the Gazette before it is introduced into the Council. It has to be given three readings for its passage by the Council. The First Reading is a formality, with the Clerk reading the short title of a bill at a Council meeting. The Second Reading of the bill starts with the Government official or Member who introduces the bill moving the motion "That the bill be read the second time" and explaining the purpose of the bill. Usually, after the motion has been moved, the debate on it is adjourned and the bill is referred to the House Committee to allow Members more time

to study it, either in the House Committee or in a bills committee set up by the House Committee specifically for it.

The debate on the Second Reading resumes at a subsequent Council meeting after the bill has been studied. During the resumed debate, Members present their views on the merits and principles of the bill and may indicate their support or otherwise. A vote is then taken by the Council on the motion "That the bill be read the second time". If the motion is not passed, the bill cannot proceed further. If it is passed, the bill is given a Second Reading, and the Council will then sit as a "Committee of the whole Council" during which the Committee goes through the clauses of the bill, making amendments where agreed to by the Committee. After the bill has passed through the Committee of the whole Council with or without amendments, it is reported back to the Council for it to consider whether to support the passage of the bill by giving it the Third Reading.

When a bill has been given three readings, it becomes a piece of enacted law. Unless a later date has been specified, it may take effect after it is signed by the Chief Executive and promulgated in the Gazette.

Where the Council considers that the passage of a bill is sufficiently urgent, it may proceed with the 'Second Reading' debate on the bill at the meeting at which the bill is introduced. If the bill receives Second Reading, the Council may proceed to the remaining stages at the same meeting. During the period under report, 41 new bills were introduced and the Council completed proceedings on 34 bills, which were all passed. Of these bills, 26 were passed with amendments proposed by Government officials or Members. A list of the bills passed is in *Appendix 3*.

Motions

Motions are the mechanism through which most of the Council's business is transacted. The processing of a bill is by way of a series of motions moved, debated and voted upon by the Council at various stages. Amendments to bills and the approval of or amendments to subsidiary legislation are also effected by way of motions.

In regard to subsidiary legislation which is scrutinized by the Council through the positive vetting procedure, the process starts with a Government official or a Member giving notice of a motion, to be moved at a future Council meeting, to make or amend subsidiary legislation. The proposed motion is then studied by the House Committee which may decide to set up a subcommittee to study it in depth. Where Members consider it necessary, they may move amendments to the motion. During the period under report, Government officials moved a total of 22 motions to either make or amend subsidiary legislation through the positive vetting procedure, and all were passed.

Apart from those relating to subsidiary legislation, motions may be moved by Members to exercise the Council's power under the Basic Law, to amend or suspend the Council's Rules of Procedure, or to invoke the Council's powers under the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance, Cap. 382. During the

report period, the Council passed two motions under Article 73(7) of the Basic Law to endorse the appointment of judges of the Court of Final Appeal and the Chief Judge of the High Court. The Council also passed two motions to amend and another motion to suspend the Rules of Procedure. A motion to invoke the Council's powers under Cap. 382 to order the attendance of witnesses and production of documents was negatived.

Policy Address Debate

The Chief Executive addresses the Council in every Legislative Council session on his policy proposals for administering the HKSAR. At a





Mr TUNG Chee-hwa delivers his first Policy Address of his second term as Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

meeting held after the Chief Executive has delivered his Policy Address, a motion is moved by the Chairman of the House Committee to thank the Chief Executive (Motion of Thanks). A debate then follows, with Members offering their comments on the Address and senior Government officials responding to these comments. During the session, the Chief Executive delivered his Policy Address on 8 January 2003 and Members and Government officials debated the Motion of Thanks for three days on 15, 16 and 17 January 2003. The debate was divided into five debate sessions, each of which covered several related policy areas.

Budget Debate

Shortly before a financial year ends at the end of March, the Financial Secretary presents to the Council his Budget for the next financial year which commences on 1 April each year, in the form of an Appropriation Bill and the Draft Estimates, which are followed closely by legislative measures for implementing the Government's revenue proposals. These set out



Mr Antony LEUNG, Financial Secretary, delivers his 2003-2004 financial year Budget speech, setting a target of achieving fiscal balance in 2006-2007.

the Government's annual revenue and expenditure proposals for the following financial year. Legislation required for implementing the revenue proposals is presented in the form of bills or subsidiary legislation. After the proposed estimates of expenditure have been examined by the Finance Committee at its special meetings, the Appropriation Bill is brought back into the Council for consideration and decision. For the 2003-2004 Budget, the Financial Secretary introduced the Appropriation Bill 2003 on 5 March 2003. The debate on the Budget took place on 2, 3 and 9 April 2003. The Appropriation Bill 2003 was passed on 9 April 2003. The Revenue Bill 2003 and the Revenue (No. 2) Bill 2003, which contained revenue proposals in the Budget, were passed on 25 June 2003. The Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2003 was passed on 9 July 2003. In addition, the Council also passed four items of subsidiary legislation to implement the proposals made in the Budget.

Other Debates

All motions moved at Council meetings are debated and voted upon. Apart from motions with legislative or binding effect, Members also debate motions which do not have such effect,









Members debate a motion, moved by Hon Margaret NG (photo on the left), on a vote of no confidence in the Financial Secretary, Mr Antony LEUNG, during the Legislative Council meeting on 7 May 2003. Twenty-seven Members speak during the motion debate, including (from top): Hon Audrey EU Yuetmee; Hon HUI Cheung-ching and Hon IP Kwokhim. The motion was negatived.

but which provide opportunities for Members to express their views on issues of public interest and for Government officials to respond to them. During the session under report, the Council debated 55 motions moved by Members. The motions and the decisions of the Council on them are in *Appendix 4*.

Where a Member wishes to raise a topic for debate in the Council but does not wish to formulate a motion in express terms, an adjournment debate may be proposed for Members to simply express their opinions on the topic and to elicit a response from the Government. One adjournment debate, on the issue "How Hong Kong should deal with the strong demands made by over 500,000 people on 1 July, so as to avoid Hong Kong sinking into a political crisis", proposed by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum, took place at the Council meeting commencing on 2 July 2003.









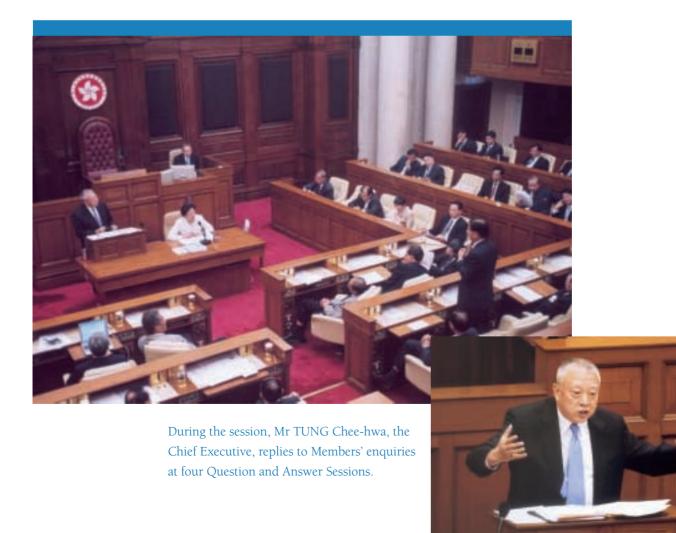
Members debate a motion, moved by Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip, calling for the resignation of the Chief Executive, Mr TUNG Chee-hwa, during the Legislative Council meeting on 14 May 2003. Thirty-nine Members speak during the motion debate, including (clockwise from upper left): Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip; Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po; Hon James TIEN Pei-chun and Hon IP Kwok-him. The motion was negatived.



Mr Donald TSANG, Chief Secretary for Administration, responds to Members' speeches on the motion calling for the resignation of the Chief Executive.

Chief Executive's Question and Answer Sessions

In the session, four meetings of the Council were held during which the Chief Executive addressed the Council on topics he wished to raise and then answered questions put to him by Members on a wide range of subjects.



Committees

hrough a system of committees, Members perform the critical roles of scrutinizing bills, controlling public expenditure, and monitoring the work of the Government. There are three standing committees, namely the Finance Committee, Public Accounts Committee and Committee on Members' Interests. The House Committee coordinates matters relating to the business to be considered at Council meetings and monitors the progress on the study of bills and subsidiary legislation. The scrutiny of bills which require more in-depth study is done through bills committees which report their deliberations to the House Committee. Panels are committees which monitor and examine policy issues. There are 18 panels whose formation and terms of reference are approved by the Council on the recommendation of the House Committee.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee consists of all Members of the Council except the President. The chairman and deputy chairman of the Committee are elected by and from among its members.

The Finance Committee is vested with the responsibility for scrutinizing public expenditure proposals. It holds special meetings after the introduction of the Appropriation Bill to examine the Estimates of Expenditure for the coming financial year. It meets on most Fridays to consider proposals which entail changes to the approved Estimates each year, or note financial implications of new policies.

During the 2002-2003 session, the Finance Committee held 18 regular meetings and examined a total of 72 items of proposals, including 18 items containing 94 proposals

which had been considered and supported by its two subcommittees, namely the Establishment Subcommittee and the Public Works Subcommittee. The Committee made two visits in order to understand more about the relevant funding proposals: one to view a demonstration on the prototype of the Smart Identity Card System and the other on the automated passenger clearance system at the Immigration Department.

The Establishment Subcommittee examines and makes recommendations to the Finance Committee on the Government's proposals for the creation, redeployment, and deletion of permanent and supernumerary directorate posts, and for changes to the structure of civil service grades and ranks. During the current session, the subcommittee, consisting of 25 members, held nine meetings and examined a total of 19 items of proposals put forward by the Government. The membership of the subcommittee is in *Appendix 5*.

The Public Works Subcommittee examines and makes recommendations to the Finance Committee on the Government's proposals for the upgrading of projects to, or downgrading from, Category A of the Public Works Programme, or changes to the scope and approved estimates of projects already in that Category. During the current session, the subcommittee, consisting of 27 members, held 16 meetings and examined a total of 78 items of proposals put forward by the Government. The subcommittee also considered the process of consultation on financial proposals on capital works projects and the list of potential submissions to the Public Works Subcommittee in the 2002-2003 legislative session. The membership of the subcommittee is in *Appendix 5*.

One of the major tasks of the Finance Committee is to examine the Estimates of Expenditure following the introduction of the Appropriation Bill to the Council. For the 2003-2004 Estimates, the Finance Committee held a series of six special meetings consisting of 19 sessions from 24 to 27 March 2003. Prior to the special meetings, the Financial Secretary briefed members on the 2003-2004 Budget, while the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury provided further information on the Estimates of Expenditure. 1,542 written questions were then put to the Government for written replies to facilitate deliberation at the special meetings. A total of 38 supplementary written questions and 44 verbal requests were further put forward arising from the meetings for additional information. Members were particularly concerned about the measures to contain the outbreak of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome and their financial implications, as well as the Government's efficiency initiatives to reduce operating expenditure.

Public Accounts Committee

The Public Accounts Committee is a standing committee of the Council. It is responsible for considering the reports of the Director of Audit on the accounts of the Government and the results of value for money audits on the Government and other organizations which are within the purview of public audit. The committee may call for explanation and obtain evidence from public officers, management personnel of public organizations and other relevant persons, if considered necessary.

The committee comprises seven members elected by Members and appointed by the President. The membership of the committee is in *Appendix 5*.

During the 2002-2003 session, the committee examined the Director of Audit's Report on the Accounts of the Government for the year ended 31 March 2002 and the Reports on the Results of Value for Money Audits (Reports Nos. 39 and 40). The conclusions and recommendations of the committee are contained in Public Accounts Committee Reports Nos. 39 and 40, which were tabled in the Council on 19 February 2003 and 9 July 2003 respectively.

One of the chapters in the Director of Audit's Report No.40 concerned the funding for staff emoluments of The Legislative Council Commission, which was the first value for money study conducted on the Commission since its establishment in 1994. The committee held a public hearing on this chapter and reported its conclusions and recommendations on the issues considered in its Report No.40.

Committee on Members' Interests

The Committee on Members' Interests is a standing committee of the Council. It considers matters pertaining to Members' declaration of interests and matters of ethics in relation to their conduct, and makes recommendations relevant to such matters. It also examines arrangements for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of the Register of Members' Interests.

The seven members of the committee are elected by Members and appointed by the President. The membership of the committee is in *Appendix 5*.

During the session, the committee considered the question of whether donations received by a Member's political party would constitute an "indirect pecuniary interest" which should be disclosed under Rule 83A of the Rules of Procedure. The Committee agreed that in practice, it would be difficult for an outsider to judge the exact nature of the relationship between a Member and the donations received by his political party. As such, whether an indirect pecuniary interest existed should in the first instance be judged by the Member concerned, having regard to facts known to him, and whether a reasonable person would consider that the donation would influence the decision or speech of the Member. The committee also commissioned the Research and Library Services Division of the Legislative Council Secretariat to conduct a study on the systems of donation declaration by political parties in the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Canada. The matter would be studied further by the Council's Panel on Constitutional Affairs.

In considering its terms of reference as set out in Rule 73(1) of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee noted that although it was entrusted with the functions of considering matters of ethics in relation to the conduct of Members in their capacity as such, and of giving advice and issuing guidelines on such matters, it was not empowered to conduct investigations into the conduct of individual Members. The matter would be studied further in the next session.

House Committee

The House Committee comprises all Members, except the President, who elect from among themselves the chairman and deputy chairman.

While the Legislative Council is in session, the House Committee normally meets weekly and meetings are open to the public.

The House Committee prepares for meetings of the Council and considers matters relating to the business of the Council. One important function of the House Committee is to scrutinize bills introduced into the Council and subsidiary legislation tabled in Council or presented to the Council for approval. The House Committee may form bills committees to scrutinize bills, or appoint subcommittees to study subsidiary legislation. The House Committee then monitors progress and studies reports from the bills committees and subcommittees concerned.

The House Committee may consider, in such manner as it thinks fit, any matter relating to the business of the Council. It may also refer to the relevant panels for consideration any policy matters relating to the business of the Council.

The House Committee also serves as a focal point for establishing a formal and regular dialogue with the Government. The chairman and deputy chairman of the House Committee meet with the Chief Secretary for Administration on a regular basis to discuss matters of mutual concern.

During the 2002-2003 session, a total of 31 regular meetings of the House Committee were held. Two special meetings were also held to discuss with the Chief Secretary for Administration the subjects of sustainable development, cooperation between Guangdong and Hong Kong, population policy, future timetable for delivering the Policy Address and Budget, and the work of Team Clean.

Other Subcommittees of the House Committee

The House Committee may appoint subcommittees to assist in the consideration of any other items relating to the business of the Council. The following subcommittees were in operation during the 2002-2003 session –

- (a) Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement;
- (b) Subcommittee to study the draft Ocean Park Bylaw;
- (c) Subcommittee to study issues relating to the Fugitive Offenders (Sri Lanka) Order;
- (d) Subcommittee on the draft subsidiary legislation to be made under the Securities and Futures Ordinance;
- (e) Subcommittee on proposed senior judicial appointments;
- (f) Subcommittee to follow up the outstanding capital works projects of the former municipal councils; and
- (g) Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee.

The memberships of these subcommittees are in *Appendix 5*.

Committee on Rules of Procedure

The Committee on Rules of Procedure is responsible for reviewing the Rules of Procedure of the Council and the committee system, and for proposing to the Council such amendments or changes as are considered necessary.

The committee consists of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 10 members appointed by the President in accordance with the recommendations of the House Committee. The membership of the committee is in *Appendix 5*.

From October 2002 to September 2003, the committee held a total of seven meetings to study a wide range of subjects under the following categories: (a) review of the procedural arrangements relating to Council meetings; and (b) review of the procedures and working mechanism of committees of the Council.

The committee presented eight reports to the House Committee recommending changes to current procedures. The Rules of Procedure were amended by resolution of the Council on 7 May 2003. The committee also presented a report to the Council on 9 July 2003 summarizing its deliberations on specific subjects during the session under report.

Bills Committees and Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation

The House Committee may allocate bills, except the Appropriation Bill and bills not referred to the House Committee by the Council, to bills committees for detailed scrutiny. All Members, other than the President, may join any bills committee. The chairman of each bills committee is elected by and from among its members. Government officials and members of the public may be invited to attend its meetings.

A bills committee will consider the principles and merits of the bill concerned as well as its detailed provisions, and may propose amendments relevant to the bill. It may also

appoint subcommittees for the purpose of assisting in its scrutiny of the bill. After a bills committee has completed scrutiny of a bill, it will notify the House Committee and advise the committee in writing of its deliberations. The bills committee will be dissolved on the enactment of the bill concerned or as decided by the House Committee.



Members of the Bills Committee on Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Bill 2001 visit the Central Police Station to observe the operation of the Police Superintendent's Discretion Scheme. (From left) Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan; Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing; Mr Armond CHAN, Senior Superintendent (Crime Support), Hong Kong Police Force; and Mr Francis CHEUNG, Divisional Commander, Hong Kong Police Force Central Division.

During the 2002-2003 session, there were 46 bills committees which scrutinized 47 bills introduced into the Council. Of these bills committees, 27 had completed their work and reported to the House Committee. Fifteen bills committees were still in action, while the work of the Bills Committee on Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill 2000, Bills Committee on Companies (Corporate Rescue) Bill, Bills Committee on Human Organ Transplant (Amendment) Bill 2001 and Bills Committee on Foreshore, Sea-bed and Roads (Amendment) Bill 2003 was held in abeyance pending the Government's response.

There were also 27 subcommittees which considered 44 items of subsidiary legislation tabled in Council and seven proposed resolutions presented by the Government for the Council's approval. The memberships of these bills committees and subcommittees are in *Appendix 5*.

Reports of these bills committees and subcommittees are available on the Legislative Council website at www.legco.gov.hk.

Panels

Panels are committees of the Council tasked to monitor and examine Government policies. Panels provide a forum for Members to deliberate on policy matters and study issues relating to the policy areas of their corresponding bureaux which are of wide public concern. The items for discussion can be brought up by members of the panel, referred to it by the House Committee or other committees, proposed by the Government, or raised by other Members following meetings with District Councils or upon receipt of complaints or representations. Panels also give views on major legislative and financial proposals before their introduction into the Council or Finance Committee respectively.

A panel may appoint subcommittees to study specific issues and present reports to the Council as it considers appropriate.

Each panel is headed by a chairman elected by and from among its members. Memberships of the 18 panels in the 2002-2003 session and their subcommittees are shown in *Appendix 5*.

Panel on Manpower

The panel discussed the Government's proposal to reduce the minimum allowable wage of foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) by \$400 per month with effect from 1 April 2003. Some members expressed support for the proposal. They considered that the reduction was justified particularly in a period of economic downturn, and could promote the employment opportunities of local domestic helpers. Some other members opposed the proposed reduction of minimum allowable wage of FDHs. They were of the view that the existing minimum allowable wage was already on the low side having regard to the long working hours of FDHs.

The panel also discussed the Government's proposal to impose an Employees Retraining Levy of \$400 per month for each FDH employed with effect from 1 October 2003. Some members expressed support for the proposed levy, and considered that it should be imposed on all employers of imported employees. These members also called upon the Government to comprehensively review the policy on importation of FDHs with a view to improving the employment opportunities of local workers. Some other members, however, queried whether the Government could impose a levy on employers of FDHs under the Employees' Retraining Ordinance without the need to legislate. They were of the view that as the levy proposal was a fundamental change in policy affecting some 200,000 employers, the public, the Labour Advisory Board and the Legislative Council should be consulted

Members were in general supportive of the Skills Enhancement Project and the initiatives to create short-term jobs and training opportunities proposed by the Government to relieve the impact of the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). However, members considered that the Skills Enhancement Project should not be confined to workers of the four designated industries, i.e. retail, catering, hotel and tourism, but should be extended to workers of all sectors. Members hoped that the short-term jobs could be extended to one year, and those environmental hygiene-related jobs could be changed to long-term ones.

To enable employees to receive early repayment of owed wages, some members suggested that the Labour Department should explore the feasibility of providing a one-stop service for handling cases of arrears of wages. The Government pointed out that such a one-stop service would be a very complex issue because the process involved a large number of parties, including the enforcement departments and the Judiciary. The Government assured the panel that it would continue to discuss the matter with the Judiciary with a view to simplifying and streamlining the existing procedures.

Some members considered that the various training and retraining schemes provided by the Government would not be able to address the problems faced by unemployed persons aged above 19 and below 30, and called upon the Government to conduct a comprehensive review in this regard.

Panel on Commerce and Industry

The Swiss Government's decree barring Hong Kong exhibitors from participating in the World Jewellery and Watch Fair 2003 held in Basel/Zurich in early April 2003 following the outbreak of SARS aroused grave concern in the business community. The panel met with affected traders and urged the Government to take up the matter with the Swiss Government and the World Trade Organization, as well as to render assistance to affected exhibitors. In the aftermath of SARS, the panel also supported the improvement measures to the four small and medium enterprises (SMEs) funding schemes designed to help SMEs tide over current difficulties.

The panel welcomed the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement signed on 29 June 2003 which would provide a platform to enhance the economic and trade development of both places. Members had exchanged views with the Government on the economic benefits and implications of opening up trade in goods and services, and trade and investment facilitation. To enable local manufacturers and service sectors to benefit early from initiatives such as zero import tariff and liberalized market access, the panel urged the Government to expedite discussion with the Mainland on details of implementation, including the preferential rules of origin for goods and consult the industries concerned in the process.

On trade facilitation measures, the panel supported the Government's proposals to upgrade the back-end computer system of the Electronic Data Interchange System for Cargo Manifests; to simplify licensing requirements for import, export and transshipment cargoes; to

participate in the Container Security Initiative proposed by US Customs and Border Protection and the international certification scheme for rough diamonds. Members recognized that these proposals would enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness in international trade and reduce compliance cost and burden on the trading community.

In following up the recommendations of the consultancy study on the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC), the panel welcomed HKPC's decision to cease production of equipment and products for marketing purpose and stop undertaking customized information technology services for client companies in order to avoid unfair competition with private companies.

On the allocation of resources under the Innovation and Technology Fund, members concurred that funds should be used to upgrade the technologies for Hong Kong's foundation industries and supported the proposal to set up an integrated-circuits (IC) development support centre to provide IC design support facilities to concerned companies. While affirming the role of the Applied Research Fund in furthering and supporting innovation and technology development in Hong Kong, members stressed the need to monitor and assess the performance of engaged private sector fund managers regularly.

Panel on Public Service

The panel had extensive discussions on the Government's proposal to reduce the size of the civil service and the expenditure on civil service pay and allowances to achieve the objective of cutting public expenditure by \$20 billion by

2006-2007. Whilst considering that civil servants should share the burden with the community to tackle the budget deficit problem, the panel was concerned about the extent of the reduction and its impact on the quality of public service. In this connection, the panel deliberated on the relevant measures implemented by the Government to contain the size of the civil service, including the introduction of the general civil service recruitment freeze with effect from 1 April 2003 and the Second Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS). The panel also examined whether redundancy would arise if the target of reducing the civil service establishment by 10% to about 160,000 could not be achieved by 2006-2007 through natural wastage and the Second VRS. The panel was assured that before making any policy changes, the Government would take into consideration the overall social and economic circumstances and would consult staff representatives on the details of the proposals.

On civil service pay adjustment, the panel urged the implementation of the pay adjustment through a lawful, fair and reasonable mechanism. The panel was pleased to note that the Government had reached consensus with staff representatives in February 2003 that the pay pertaining to each pay point on the civil service pay scales be restored to the level it was at, in dollar terms, on 30 June 1997. The panel was, however, concerned about the Government's decision to introduce again a piece of one-off legislation to implement the pay reduction. The panel urged the Government to introduce general enabling legislation on the civil service pay adjustment mechanism, providing the legal framework for implementing upward and downward pay adjustments.

While supporting the Government's initiative to carry out a comprehensive review of all civil service allowances to bring the provision of allowances in line with present day circumstances, the panel was concerned about the legality of introducing changes to the fringe benefits type of allowances which constituted part of civil servants' conditions of service. The panel was assured by the Government that only those proposals which were considered lawful would be put forward for staff consultation. As regards the progress of the review of job-related allowances for civilian grades, the panel supported the Government's decision to defer by six months the review period of the Hardship Allowances payable for performing duties such as cleansing, drainage/sewer cleaning and waste/ blood/dead bodies handling, because of the circumstances relating to the SARS crisis. The panel highly commended the efforts of frontline staff in tackling the SARS crisis.

The panel also monitored the progress of some of the Civil Service Reform initiatives. On performance management, the panel examined the streamlined procedure implemented in March 2003 for handling persistent sub-standard performers. The panel considered it important for the Government to ensure that the process was efficient and effective. On disciplinary mechanism, the panel was pleased to note that with the establishment of the Secretariat on Civil Service Discipline in April 2000 to centrally process all formal disciplinary cases under the Public Service (Government) Order, the processing time for disciplinary cases had generally been shortened. The panel was assured by the Government that the shorter processing time had been achieved while preserving the principles of natural justice.

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

The panel held 14 joint meetings with the Panel on Security to discuss the Consultation Document on "Proposals to implement Article 23 of the Basic Law", and the Compendium of Submissions compiled by the Security Bureau, and to receive a briefing on the National Security (Legislative Provisions) Bill. A total of 271 organizations and individuals had made submissions on the Consultation Document to the two panels, with 114 giving oral representations. Although the Security Bureau had incorporated a number of changes in the Bill taking into account the views in the consultation exercise, some members remained opposed to the introduction of the Bill.

The panel expressed concern about the impact of the cost saving measures to be implemented by the Judiciary in 2003-2007 on the quality of justice. Members considered that the Judiciary, being independent from the executive authority, should not be bound by the Government's target to reduce operating expenditure. The panel passed a motion to urge the Judiciary not to introduce, for the purpose of implementing the Government's austerity programme, any cost saving measures which would adversely affect the quality of judicial services.

Arising from the arrest by the Police of a witness giving evidence in a civil trial in the High Court, the panel expressed concern that the arrest action amounted to a contempt of court and obstruction of the due process of administration of justice. The Police subsequently conducted a disciplinary investigation into the incident, and prepared internal guidelines governing arrests made within a court building, including the arrest of a witness.

The panel was briefed on the two compensation schemes available to persons who had suffered punishment as a result of a criminal conviction, which had subsequently been quashed on appeal or found to have been secured wrongfully. In response to the request of the panel, the Government agreed to step up efforts to promote public awareness of the two compensation schemes.

The panel and the Panel on Manpower held two joint meetings to discuss the operation of the Labour Tribunal and to receive views from major labour organizations and employers' associations. The panels requested the Judiciary and the Government to implement short-term improvement measures to address the various concerns raised by the deputations, and to conduct an overall review of the practices and procedures of the Labour Tribunal. The Chief Justice subsequently decided to appoint an internal Working Party comprising judges and judicial officers to conduct a review. The outcome of the review will be reported to the two panels in early 2004.

In response to the panel's request that the Government should conduct a comprehensive review on the objective, adequacy and effectiveness of the existing legal aid scheme, the Government proposed to adjust downward the financial eligibility limits for the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme and the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme. The panel will discuss with the Government its response to the other issues raised.

Panel on Home Affairs

The panel monitored the submission of reports to the United Nations (UN) under various

international human rights treaties by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and its progress in following up the recommendations made by the UN Treaty Monitoring Bodies. At members' request, the Government agreed to provide reports on annual overviews of developments relating to the various human rights treaties in order to enhance the monitoring role of the Legislative Council. Some members considered that there was a need to set up a human rights commission in order to monitor effectively the implementation of these human rights treaties.

The panel received a briefing on the consultancy study on the provision of regional/district cultural and performance facilities. Members expressed concern that under current budgetary constraints, the Government would delay implementing the recommended works projects. While some members were in support of the Government's plan of implementing the Private Sector Involvement Scheme to speed up the delivery of some works projects, some other members expressed concern that it might lead to a substantial increase in charges for leisure and cultural services facilities.

In the deliberation on the Culture and Heritage Commission Consultation Paper 2002, members expressed support for the fundamental principles for long-term cultural development. Some members, however, expressed concern that as there would be a single-source funding body to be appointed by the Government, it would be easier for the Government to control cultural development and pluralistic development of the arts might be undermined.

Members discussed with the Government its decision regarding the proposed operational

and regulatory framework for authorizing football betting. Members had divided views on authorization of football betting. Some members considered that authorization of football betting would lead to an increase in problems associated with pathological gamblers. They expressed concern that the contribution from the Hong Kong Jockey Club to the dedicated fund for financing activities to deal with gambling-related problems might not be sufficient.

The Government was conducting a review on the existing system of advisory and statutory bodies. The panel discussed a research report on the system of advisory committees in some overseas places prepared by the Research and Library Services Division. Members considered that the Government should make reference to good overseas practices with a view to increasing the operational transparency and ensuring a balance of representation in the system of advisory and statutory bodies.

The subcommittee formed under the panel to review the Building Management Ordinance continued to discuss proposals to facilitate better management of private buildings. Responding to the subcommittee's views and suggestions, the Government agreed to introduce various legislative proposals to amend the Ordinance and issued a paper on these proposals for public consultation.

Panel on Transport

There was significant growth in recent years in cross-boundary passenger and freight traffic. As the trend was forecast to continue for the years ahead, the panel continued to monitor the implementation programme of cross-boundary transport infrastructure in the territory. The

Members of the Panel on Transport's Subcommittee on matters relating to railways visit MTR depots at Kowloon Bay and Tseung Kwan O. (Second from left) Hon CHAN Kwok-keung; Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, Chairman of the Subcommittee; and Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo.

panel also reviewed with the Government various measures to increase the capacity and efficiency at the existing cross-boundary control points.

The panel was very concerned about the toll revision plans proposed by the franchisees of the Eastern Harbour Crossing (EHC) and Western Harbour Crossing (WHC). The panel called on the companies to give due consideration to the interest of the community at large in devising their tolling strategies. The panel was also concerned that EHC and WHC's toll increases would inevitably aggravate the existing congestion at the Cross Harbour Tunnel. The panel examined ways to improve the distribution of traffic among the three road harbour crossings in Hong Kong.

The panel was also concerned about the burden of transport costs on the travelling public, particularly in the light of the present economic situation. Apart from urging the Government to liaise with public transport operators to lower their fares and offer inter-modal fare discounts.



Members of the Panel on Transport and Panel on Security visit Lok Ma Chau Control Point to inspect the public transport arrangements associated with the introduction of 24-hour passenger crossing.

members also reviewed with the Government the proposed fare adjustment process and formula which would allow increase as well as reduction in fares.

The panel noted that the New Territories (NT) taxi temporary fare concession which took effect on 8 June 2003 was terminated on 12 July 2003. The decision was made in response to the majority view of NT taxi operators reflected in the Transport Department's survey among the trade.

The panel continued to monitor the planning and implementation programme of railway development projects in Hong Kong. The terms of reference of the subcommittee formed under the panel for the purpose were expanded to cover existing railways in operation. The subcommittee closely monitored the progress of the implementation of West Rail, which was expected to be commissioned in November 2003. Apart from urging the Government and Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) to ensure the proper testing and commissioning of the railway system, the subcommittee also reminded them to implement service changes in respect of the Light Rail Transit System and other public transport modes in a progressive manner. Members also requested KCRC to formulate an attractive pricing strategy to boost the utilization of West Rail.

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In view of wide public concern about the visual intrusion caused by the opaque noise barrier panels erected along Tolo Highway, the panel reviewed, among other things, the guiding principles on the provision of noise barriers, the cost-effectiveness of various mitigation measures to abate traffic noise, and the design of and the need for providing noise barriers in certain sections of Tolo Highway.

Panel on Housing

While supporting the reorganization of the former Housing Bureau and Housing Department into a single organization, the panel held the view that there was room for further streamlining in the directorate establishment. Consideration should also be given to clarifying the role of the new housing organization after the Housing Authority (HA) became an advisory body. The panel also welcomed the housing statement delivered by the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands on 13 November 2002, which included the decision to terminate the Home Ownership Scheme (HOS). Some members welcomed such a decision, which would serve as a clear indication of the Government's noninterventionist policy in the residential property market, thereby stabilizing the property market as a whole. Others were concerned that this would prop up property prices and force the low-income families to buy flats in the private sector, which would inevitably affect their living standards. Moreover, without the sale proceeds of HOS, HA would have to subsidize the production of public rental housing (PRH) by using its capital, which would be depleted in three to four years. On disposal arrangements for the overhung HOS flats, the panel agreed that their conversion to PRH was the most straightforward and simplest way to dispose of these flats.

The panel supported in principle the introduction of the new Home Assistance Loan Scheme to replace the Home Purchase Loan Scheme and the Home Starter Loan Scheme. Given the stringent financial situation of HA, some members questioned whether HA could provide interest-free loans on a continuing basis. The panel also urged that consideration should be given to offering interest-bearing loans to recipients so that the interest generated could be used to assist more eligible applicants.

The Government's proposal to reduce the income and asset limits for applicants on the Waiting List for PRH aroused much public concern. Some members were dissatisfied that instead of helping the low-income families to tide over their financial hardship amid the economic downturn, the Government sought to reduce these limits which would force many people outside the safety net of PRH. Other members, however, agreed to the prudent use of public money for purposes such as housing subsidies. Notwithstanding, the panel passed a motion urging HA not to adjust the income and asset limits for 2003-2004.

The panel studied the Government's proposal to remove security of tenure provisions in the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance (Cap. 7). Members expressed concern that the proposed relaxation might drive up rents in the private sector, thereby unduly affecting the underprivileged groups, particularly those who might have difficulties in finding suitable alternative accommodation. In view of the farreaching implications of the proposed relaxation, the panel urged the Government to take into full account the views received before reaching a decision on the option to be adopted.

The panel welcomed the Law Reform Commission's proposal of introducing a Vendor's Information Form for the second-hand property market but pointed out that the proposed cooling period of three working days for both the vendor and the purchaser was too short. Members suggested that for first-hand property market, consideration should be given to requiring developers to specify the defect liability period for individual items in the sales brochure. Preliminary agreement should contain standard provisions in relation to Deed of Mutual Covenant. Consideration should also be given to standardizing the definitions of saleable and usable area to avoid confusion.

Panel on Security

On 24 September 2002, the Government issued a Consultation Document on "Proposals to implement Article 23 of the Basic Law". The panel held five joint meetings with the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services between 26 September 2002 and 17 January 2003 to discuss the Consultation Document. In addition, the two panels held seven other joint meetings in November and December 2002 to solicit views from the public on the Consultation Document.

Following the three-month public consultation exercise, the Government announced the outcome of the consultation exercise and issued a Compendium of Submissions on 28 January 2003. The two panels held a joint meeting on 6 February 2003 to discuss the Compendium. Some Members were dissatisfied with the way in which the Government dealt with the views received. These Members considered that the Government should not simply classify the views received into three categories but should

have analyzed and summarized the views received. The two panels met again on 17 June 2003 to discuss the Government's revised method of categorization. The Government agreed to make amendments to the revised method of categorization, where necessary.

The two panels received a briefing on the National Security (Legislative Provisions) Bill on 15 February 2003. Although the Government made a number of changes to its original proposals, some members did not find the changes adequate. These members remained opposed to the introduction of the Bill.

In the wake of an open verdict by the Coroner's Court on the death of an inmate at the Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre (SLPC) in November 2001, the panel held four meetings, including two joint meetings with the Panel on Health Services, to discuss issues arising from the case. The Government appointed a special task group to conduct a detailed study into the circumstances surrounding the case with a view to enhancing the quality of service at SLPC. The two panels would follow up the progress of the implementation of the recommendations made by the special task group.

Members considered that the Government should honour its commitment to deposit the Police General Orders (PGO) in all police stations for reference of the public. The Police agreed to reinstate the provision of direct access to PGO, except a number of chapters, by the public. The public would be able to gain access to PGO electronically through the Information Kiosks in police report rooms.

The panel discussed the scheme on entry of non-Mainland "capital investment entrants".

Some members considered that the seven-year "ring-fencing" period should be reduced to enhance the attractiveness of the scheme. The Government agreed to review the scheme one year after its implementation.

Panel on Constitutional Affairs

The panel discussed the Government's report on the implementation of the accountability system for Principal Officials at its meetings in January and February 2003, six months after the implementation of the system. The report covered the changes brought about by the new system and progress of a number of issues which the Government had undertaken to review. The panel noted that the savings realized or identified in terms of staff costs amounted to \$75.65 million. The net increase in the annual

cost of the accountability system amounted to \$42.228 million when it was introduced on 1 July 2002, and the Government had pledged that it would effect sufficient savings within 12 months to make the accountability system a cost neutral exercise.

Arising from public concern over the incident of the Financial Secretary (FS) purchasing a vehicle prior to his announcement of an increase in motor vehicles first registration tax on Budget Day on 5 March 2003, FS attended two meetings of the panel to explain the incident. Some members expressed doubts about the integrity of FS as a result of the incident. These members found it unacceptable that while the Chief Executive (CE) had concluded that FS's conduct amounted to gross negligence, and that FS had breached parts of the Code for Principal

Officials under the Accountability System, CE had decided to issue a formal criticism to FS instead of accepting his resignation. Other members considered that as CE had issued a formal criticism, the matter should be put to an end as early as possible.



Mr Antony LEUNG, Financial Secretary (inset), attends the Panel on Constitutional Affairs meeting on 17 March 2003 to reply to Members' questions related to the issue of conflict of interest arising from his purchase of a vehicle shortly before the announcement of an increase in motor vehicle first registration tax.

As regards elections for the third term of Legislative Council to be held in 2004, the panel was briefed on a number of proposals, including the introduction of a financial assistance scheme for candidates, and the printing of names and emblems of political parties or organizations or candidates' photographs on ballot papers.

The Government advised the panel that the public consultation exercise on constitutional development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region after 2007 would be conducted sometime in 2004 or 2005. As the Government was studying whether the reference to "the method for selecting the Chief Executives for the terms subsequent to the year 2007" in paragraph 7 of Annex I to the Basic Law should include the method for selecting the third term CE in 2007, the panel held a meeting on 6 June 2003 to receive views on the matter. A total of 374 individuals and organizations made submissions to the panel, and 35 of them gave oral representations.

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

The panel closely monitored the surveillance system and the enhanced hygiene measures to reduce recurrence of avian influenza. The panel



Members of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene inspect chilled chickens at a fresh food centre to determine if they meet the hygiene requirements. (From right): Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, Chairman of the Panel; Hon WONG Yung-kan and Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung.

urged that, in addition to enhancing the biosecurity of local farms, all live chickens should be vaccinated against avian influenza, and stringent enforcement actions should be taken against breaches of the hygiene requirements at farms and wholesale/retail markets.

The panel discussed with the Government and the poultry trade the inspection and quarantine requirements for the importation of chilled chickens from the Mainland. To ensure that such chickens complied with Hong Kong's hygiene requirements, only those farms and processing plants registered with the Mainland authorities and with the prior approval of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department could export chilled chickens to Hong Kong. These chickens would bear security holograms to facilitate identification. To address the trade's concern about illegal importation and defrosted chickens being posed for sale as chilled chickens, the Government undertook to step up enforcement action at retail outlets.

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Members of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene visit a food centre to better understand the handling of fresh fruit.



Members of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene pay an official visit to Melbourne and Canberra, Australia, in July 2003 to study the country's regulatory systems for food, quarantine requirements, food labelling, and food business licensing. During the trip, members visit the Melbourne Wholesale Fish Market. They are (from right): Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, Chairman of the Panel; Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung; Hon LEUNG Fu-wah and Hon LI Fung-ying.

On the desirability of banning the live poultry trade, the panel considered that the Government should widely consult the public and carefully balance the need to safeguard public health against the interests of the live poultry industry before taking a decision.

The panel invited the views of the fishing industry on the consultancy study on the feasibility of developing off-shore fishing industry. Members requested the Government to provide more assistance for local fishermen to pursue off-shore fishing.

The panel expressed much concern that the Government had not proposed the introduction of a mandatory labelling system for genetically modified (GM) food. Most deputations considered that food traders would not label their GM food under a voluntary labelling system, and Hong Kong would become the dumping ground of GM food. The panel passed a motion in March 2003 urging the Government to introduce a mandatory labelling system for GM food to safeguard public health and consumers' right to know.

Following the outbreak of SARS, the panel discussed with Team Clean the strategy and measures to improve the state of environmental hygiene in Hong Kong. The panel urged the Government to make sustained and determined efforts to clean up environmental blackspots, take stringent enforcement actions against public cleanliness offences, enhance public education on hygiene practices and review existing legislation and system.

To prevent dengue fever and Japanese encephalitis, the panel requested the Government to step up its anti-mosquito work and provide more resources to clear up mosquito breeding sites.

The panel discussed the Government's proposed regulatory framework for "private kitchens". While members agreed that "private kitchens" should be brought under appropriate regulatory

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control to safeguard public health, they considered the proposed regulatory framework too stringent. The Government undertook to consider members' views.

Panel on Financial Affairs

During the session, the panel continued to provide a forum for Members to discuss with the Financial Secretary (FS) matters relating to macro economic issues. Following the outbreak of SARS, members urged FS to take vigorous measures to relieve the economic hardship, as well as to defer implementation of the revenue raising and expenditure cutting proposals in the 2003-2004 Budget. Members also saw the need to re-launch Hong Kong and to restore the confidence of visitors and overseas businessmen. The panel was briefed on the economic relief package of \$11.8 billion, including the \$3.5 billion loan guarantee scheme and the \$1 billion re-launch Hong Kong campaign.

On management of public finance, the panel exchanged views with FS on possible measures to resolve Hong Kong's fiscal deficit problem. Some members considered that the problem had to be tackled without delay, and they cautioned that cutting government expenditure and raising taxes would aggravate the deflation problem and would be counter-productive to the objective of reviving the economy. The panel noted that the Government's long term strategy in reviving the economy was to expedite integration with the Mainland to enhance the two-way flow of people, goods, capital, information and services, as well as to promote the development of the core industries, including "financial services, logistics, tourism and producer and professional services".

The controversy over the purchase of office accommodation for the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) without seeking the approval of the Finance Committee had raised questions on how far HKMA's recurrent and capital spending should be funded by the Exchange Fund. The panel conducted a detailed research on the governance of HKMA and invited management personnel of HKMA, academics and practitioners to give views on the subject. Members generally considered it necessary to critically examine the need to put in place a piece of comprehensive legislation clearly specifying the statutory powers and functions of HKMA and subjecting it to the normal public funding appropriation mechanism applicable to other government bureaux/departments.

The panel held five meetings with relevant parties to discuss issues relating to the Penny Stock Incident. Members raised concerns over the Government's role in the "three-tiered" regulatory framework for the securities market and the respective regulatory functions of the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) and the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEx). In view of the far-reaching impact of the report of the Expert Group to review the operation of the securities and futures market regulatory structure, in particular the controversial recommendation of transferring listing function from HKEx to SFC, the panel met with the Expert Group and relevant parties to discuss the report. Members agreed that the Government should conduct public consultation on the matter.

Recognizing the difficulties facing the stockbroking industry, in particular the small and medium sized (SME) brokers, the panel held several meetings with the Government and

the industry associations to discuss ways to enhance their competitiveness. Members agreed that the Government and SFC should consider ways to minimize the compliance burden on SME intermediaries and maintain a level playing field between brokers and banks.

Due to growing concern about soaring insurance premiums, the panel invited views from interested parties on ways to address the problems arising from difficulties in obtaining insurance coverage for employee compensation. The panel considered that the Government should take urgent measures to tackle the problems and assess the impact of the escalating trend of common law damages for compensation awarded by the court on claims. While stressing that it was inappropriate to intervene in the market, the Government took note of members' views and agreed to reflect them to the industry and parties concerned.

The panel also met with market practitioners, professionals, academics and regulators to discuss the subject of corporate governance. Members supported and urged for expeditious implementation of the Government's corporate governance action plan announced in January 2003 and the enhancement in the quality of company directors and market intermediaries. In order to safeguard the integrity of financial reporting, members welcomed the initiative of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants to improve its self-regulatory regime. They also supported establishing an Independent Investigation Board to deal with alleged accounting, auditing and/or ethics irregularities relating to listed companies and noted that the Government would conduct public consultation on the proposal.

Panel on Education

The panel discussed the 10% funding cut in the block grant of the University Grants Committee (UGC) for 2004-2005. Members expressed concern that UGC-funded institutions could not effectively plan their future development, given other possible funding cuts in the 2005-2008 triennium. Members urged that the Government must conduct an open and transparent dialogue with the institutions, and any funding cuts should be phased in gradually.

The panel discussed the Government's proposal to deregulate university salaries and housing benefits. Some members considered that a new remuneration system, a reliable governance structure and a fair and transparent appeal mechanism must be in place in each institution, if the proposal was to be implemented.

Some members objected to the Government's decision of requiring sub-degree programmes to be self-financing. They pointed out that the



Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (fifth from left), President of the Legislative Council, and Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee (third from left), member of the Panel on Education, visit the Hong Kong Institute of Education to understand the development of the institution. They are briefed about the library information system in the Mong Man Wai Library.

decision was at odds with the Government's objective of providing 60% of senior secondary school leavers with access to post-secondary education. Members noted with concern that the City University of Hong Kong (CityU) might phase out its associate degree programmes which would not receive government subvention. The panel passed a motion calling upon the Government to provide subvention to existing sub-degree programmes of CityU and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

The Government briefed the panel on a framework for enhanced school development and accountability which aimed to improve student learning outcomes and strengthen schools' capacity for continuous development. Members considered that the Education and Manpower Bureau should develop a set of territory-wide standards for schools to assess their own performances, and increase transparency and public accountability in school education.

Members who were in support of "teaching in small classes" expressed strong dissatisfaction that the Government would conduct a study on effective strategies of class and group teaching in primary schools to replace a longitudinal study on the impact of "teaching in small classes". They pointed out that the study was not one on "teaching in small classes" as originally proposed. These members were of the strong view that the Government should take the opportunity of a declining student population to implement "teaching in small classes" gradually. Some other members, however, expressed concern about the huge cost of implementing "teaching in small classes". They considered that other initiatives could also improve the quality of education.

The panel discussed the progress of harmonization of kindergartens and child care centres. Some members pointed out that the quality of pre-primary service was pivotal to the development of the interest to learn among young children. They suggested that the Government should provide education resources centres or websites for kindergarten teachers and child care workers to exchange views and disseminate successful teaching and learning experiences, in order to enhance the quality of early childhood education.

Panel on Planning, Lands and Works

While supporting the general direction of the Stage One Amendments to the Town Planning Ordinance (Cap. 131) to streamline the town planning process and to enhance openness of the planning system, the panel expressed concern



Members of the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works visit the Hong Kong Planning and Infrastructure Exhibition Gallery. Mr John TSANG (third from left), Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (Planning and Lands) briefs members: (from right) Hon SIN Chung-kai; Hon LAU Ping-cheung; Hon WONG Sing-chi; Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, Chairman of the Panel; and (second from left) Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing in front of a model of the first prize winner of the West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Plan Competition.

over the proposal to shorten the publication period for plans from two months to one month, and over the timetable for introducing the remaining stages of the proposed amendments. Given the significant role of the Town Planning Board (TPB) in the town planning process, the panel strongly called for the early introduction of legislative amendments relating to TPB. The panel also made a number of suggestions in respect of the composition and operation of TPB as well as the criteria for appointment of its members.

On the Government's decision that the Tamar Development Project be temporarily put on hold in order to review its spending priorities, the panel criticized the Government for its way of handling the Project. In the panel's view, the Government should have considered the financial implications of the Project before submitting it to the panel and the Public Works Subcommittee. The panel also expressed concern about the impact of the Government's abrupt decision on the confidence of the public in the Government, the local economy, the construction industry, the five prequalified applicants for the Project, the new Legislative Council Complex, and progress of the construction of the Shatin to Central Link.

The panel continued to monitor the progress of work of the Urban Renewal Authority (URA). As URA's approved Business Plan for 2003-2004 included four pilot rehabilitation projects, the panel pointed out that owners of dilapidated properties expected that URA would acquire their properties for redevelopment so as to improve their living conditions. The panel urged URA to expedite its redevelopment projects.

In the light of the two recent cases involving Villa Pinada and The Aegean, the panel requested the Government to review the existing system for the pre-sale of uncompleted residential flats under the Lands Department's Consent Scheme to prevent default in residential property developments. The panel urged the improvement of the Consent Scheme to ensure that flat purchasers would get title to the units, to enhance the transparency of the Consent Scheme, to avoid conflict of interest of the parties concerned (including the developers, Authorized Persons and solicitors), and to ensure proper disbursement of money held in the stakeholder's account.

As regards the Government's proposed amendments to the Land Registration Regulations empowering the Land Registrar to remove the entry that had become stopped deeds six months after the delivery of the instrument for registration into the land register, the panel urged the Government to reconsider whether the legislative proposal should be effected through amendments to the principal ordinance, instead of through amendments to the regulations. The Government undertook to reconsider the issue and revert to the panel in due course.

The flood control and prevention strategy remained a concern of the panel. While recognizing that the overall situation had been improved by flood mitigation projects, the panel expressed concern that the flooding problem was still not fully resolved. The panel urged the Government to adopt a more effective approach to tackle the flooding problem at the planning stage.

The panel noted with concern that the outbreak of SARS had dealt a serious blow to the community at large, including the tourism sector. It requested the Government to work with the travel and tourism trades with a view to restoring travellers' confidence in Hong Kong. During the session, the panel closely monitored the Government's plan to develop and improve tourism infrastructure, facilities and products. Apart from urging the Government to promote eco-tourism, green tourism, and heritage and culture tours, the panel also reviewed from time to time various projects that were being planned or developed. The panel urged the Government to introduce measures to further enhance the standard and quality of service of the tourism industry.

On the aviation side, the panel continued to monitor the development of aviation infrastructure to ensure that Hong Kong had adequate passenger and cargo handling facilities to meet forecast growth in traffic demand. The panel supported the initiative to extend the airport's passenger and cargo catchment area through cooperation with other airports in the Pearl River Delta and developing multi-modal transportation links.

In examining the policy to strengthen the position of Hong Kong as the leading hub port in Southern China, the panel expressed concern about the high terminal handling charges in Hong Kong and the rapid development of port facilities in Shenzhen. Apart from urging the Government to mediate with the parties concerned with a view to achieving charge reduction, the panel also asked the Government to speed up the related infrastructure works. The panel examined various measures to attract

more vessels to call on Hong Kong's port, to encourage more ship managers and agents to operate in Hong Kong, and to provide an effective institutional structure for the development and promotion of Hong Kong as a maritime centre.

The panel reviewed the Government's energy policy and the findings of the technical feasibility study on increasing interconnection between the two power companies. It called on the Government to put in place enabling measures to improve the access of renewable energy schemes to the existing power grid and increase interconnection of the power systems in Hong Kong to bring about long term consumer benefits. In discussing the interim review of the Scheme of Control Agreements by the Government with the two power companies in 2003, the panel requested the Government to take the opportunity to review, among other things, the permitted return under the Scheme of Control Agreements.

While welcoming CLP Power's offer of \$910 million as a total rebate package to both residential and non-residential customers in 2003, the panel was concerned about the tariff revision plans proposed by the two power companies under the current economic situation. Members called on the companies to give due consideration to the interest of the community at large in devising their tariff revision plans.

The panel welcomed the new tendering arrangements for petrol filling station sites to enhance competition in the fuel supply market and to facilitate new market entrants. In reviewing the proposal, the panel requested the Government to monitor closely its implementation, particularly its effectiveness in lowering retail prices of petrol.

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Members of the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting visit the Cyberport to keep abreast of its latest developments. (Left above) Mrs Betty FUNG (first from left), Cyberport Coordinator, introduces the campus-like environment of Cyberport to Members on the Podium; (right above) Hon SIN Chung-kai, Chairman of the Panel, registers an electronic signature before entering the Visitor Centre.

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

On telecommunications services, the panel followed up the impact of the increase in access charge announced by a major Mainland operator on incoming telephone calls in late 2002. Members were concerned that carriers in Hong Kong might transfer their additional costs in access charge to their customers, in particular small and medium enterprises engaged in China trade. The panel urged the Telecommunications Authority (TA) to monitor closely the tariff adjustment mechanism to prevent abuse.

In view of changing market conditions and the advent of new technologies, the panel welcomed the Government's review on the policy on Type II interconnection. Members suggested that an analysis should be made on the complaints received by TA on Type II interconnection with a view to ascertaining the nature of and the

parties involved in the disputes. Some members considered that performance indicators should be set to assess the effectiveness of Type II interconnection in facilitating competition. The Government would revert to the panel on its proposals after consultation.

On the E-government programme, the panel examined the progress of Hong Kong in terms of e-options for government services, joined-up government projects, improved productivity and new initiatives such as the Smart Identity Card. Members urged the Government to take steps to encourage the utilization of e-services by the public and to examine the future direction of the E-government programme in the light of related technologies such as the prevalence of mobile services. They also stressed the need for concerted efforts of all government departments to promote the use of e-services.

In examining ways to foster the growth of the film industry, members urged the Government to take steps to promote Hong Kong as a major filming location for overseas productions and to re-consider the suggestion of setting up a Film Commission. The panel looked forward to greater opportunities for the local film industry in the Mainland market following the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement and urged greater cooperation between the Government and Mainland authorities.

Arising from the Broadcasting Authority's (BA) issuance of warning to one of the commercial sound broadcasters, the panel raised concerns about current affairs programmes and the need to uphold freedom of expression. Members were keen to ensure that the licence renewal of the two commercial sound broadcasters should be independent of political considerations. The Government also noted some members' concern about the current composition of BA and the transparency of its complaint-handling procedures.

The panel continued to monitor the progress of the Cyberport to ensure that it was serving its intended purpose of creating a strategic cluster of leading IT companies. It sought updates from time to time on the tenancy position and financial and institutional arrangements. While agreeing that overseas and Mainland companies should be encouraged to launch their business in the Cyberport, members cautioned against any move to compete for tenants by offering low rent. In considering how related developments, such as the Digital Media Centre, could support Cyberport tenants, members stressed that such facilities should avoid competing with the private sector for business opportunities.

Panel on Welfare Services

The panel discussed the progress made in developments to prevent and tackle family violence. Members noted that efforts had been made to further enhance multi-disciplinary collaboration for helping families suffering from domestic violence, including drawing up revised multi-disciplinary guidelines to facilitate cooperation among the professionals concerned in handling domestic violence cases.

Based on legal advice and the views of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, the Government had taken on board the panel's suggestion of referring domestic violence cases for welfare services without the consent of the victims. The referral mechanism was implemented in January 2003.

The panel discussed the recommendations of the "Interim report on the implementation of the review of family services" with the Government and deputations from the welfare sector in July 2003. While members agreed with the Government that the Integrated Family Service Centre (IFSC) was a more desirable mode of service delivery, they shared some of the deputations' concern that the new IFSC model would have significant impact on existing community-based services. The panel suggested that the Government should conduct more consultation and discussion with the welfare sector before making a decision.

The panel discussed the progress of the Government's plan to phase out self-care hostels and homes for the aged and to provide residential care services only for the elderlies with genuine need. At the same time, elderlies with no or low impairment would be encouraged to age in their familiar environment. Noting that only 38% of existing homes-for-the-aged places were technically suitable for conversion to care and attention homes, members suggested that a steering committee should be formed to oversee the exercise. The Government agreed to consider the suggestion.

The Government sought members' views on its proposal to develop a Fee Assistance Scheme aimed at residential services for frail elderlies. Members generally supported the "money following the user" concept under the proposed scheme. A member suggested that a progressive scale should be adopted in order that the fee assistance levels under the scheme could be adjusted to take into account any changes in the financial situation of the family members of the elderlies. To prevent double subsidies under the proposed scheme and the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, a member suggested to remove all elderly cases from the CSSA Scheme and to establish a separate financial assistance scheme for the elderly.

The panel discussed the progress of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund. As only 14 out of the first batch of 227 applications were successful, and over half of them were from the welfare sector, members suggested and the Government agreed to make more efforts to explain the Fund to organizations outside the welfare sector in order to achieve the objective of cross-sector collaboration in developing social capital and promoting social participation in the community.

Panel on Health Services

In January 2003, the panel discussed the liver transplant arrangements of the Hospital Authority (HA). While all members supported HA's proposal to establish a central registry for liver transplantation, most members shared the view that there should be two liver transplant centres in Hong Kong. These members were concerned that HA's decision to centralize liver transplant operations in the Queen Mary Hospital would adversely affect the interest of liver patients of the Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH), which had been performing liver transplant operations on its own initiative. The panel passed a motion urging HA to freeze the





The Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Expert Committee invites members of the Panel on Health Services to express views on issues relevant to the terms of reference of the committee. Members attending include: (photo below, from left) Dr Hon LO Wing-lok, Chairman of the Panel; Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung, Deputy Chairman; Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo; and Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong.

decision to close the liver transplant centre at PWH with immediate effect and to implement the "one registry, two transplant centres" arrangement as soon as practicable.

Following media reports of an outbreak of atypical pneumonia cases in Guangdong Province in late 2002 and early 2003, the panel discussed with the Government in February 2003 the notification mechanism for infectious diseases between Guangdong and Hong Kong. The panel followed up the subject at several subsequent meetings and urged the Government to ensure that an effective notification mechanism

was in place. The Government agreed that there was room for improvement in the notification mechanism and would discuss the subject in more detail with the Guangdong health authorities when the two sides met for the third time in August 2003.

Members became very concerned when 43 health care workers in PWH contracted respiratory tract infection with pneumonia symptoms in early March 2003. The panel held a special meeting on 14 March 2003 to discuss with the Government its handling of the incident. Members noted that the Department of Health had already reported the matter to the World Health Organization on 10 March 2003, and that the Government would hold daily press briefings on the latest developments and would alert the public if there was any sign of the spread of the infection to the community.

From mid-April to early July 2003, the panel held weekly special meetings to monitor the handling of the outbreak of SARS by the Government and HA. As 22% of the SARS cases in Hong Kong involved health care workers, members were very concerned whether frontline health care workers were provided with adequate protective gear and given sufficient rest to recover from the heavy pressure of work in taking care of SARS patients. Apart from the issues of adequacy of protective gear and infection control measures in public hospitals, the panel also discussed issues relating to compensation for infected health care workers, treatment methods adopted in Hong Kong, isolation facilities in public hospitals, prevention of the spread of SARS among the elderly as well as measures to prevent and prepare for the possible resurgence of SARS later in the year.

The panel passed a motion on 14 May 2003 proposing that a select committee be set up by the Legislative Council to inquire into the handling of the SARS outbreak by the Government and HA. On 30 May 2003, the House Committee discussed the proposal and passed a motion demanding the Government to appoint an independent Commission of Enquiry in or before October to conduct an investigation into the SARS outbreak, otherwise the House Committee would consider setting up a select committee.

Panel on Environmental Affairs

The panel continued to monitor the progress of the three trials on the feasibility of compact sewage treatment technologies under the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme and visited the Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works. Given the high cost of Biological Aerated Filter technology and the un-satisfactory performance of the Submerged Aerated Filter plus denitrification technology, the panel considered



The Chairman of the Panel on Environmental Affairs Hon CHOY So-yuk (fourth from right) and Deputy Chairman Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (third from right) are briefed on the progress of the bio-remediation project which is designed to improve the Shing Mun River environment.

that efforts should be made to explore other suitable alternative technologies. The propriety of centralizing treatment at the Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works should be reviewed. Consideration should also be given to adopting tertiary treatment in new sewage facilities.

The panel was disappointed with the Government's decision to shelve the introduction of LPG light vans and light goods vehicles into Hong Kong on the grounds of inadequate filling support infrastructure. This decision constituted a policy change and was contrary to the Chief Executive's pledge in his earlier Policy Address to improve air quality through the introduction of more environmentally friendly vehicles. The panel was sceptical that this change in policy was probably attributed to the mounting budget deficit, as duty was imposed on diesel but not on LPG.

As regards the traffic noise impact of existing roads, there were divergent views on the mitigating measures. While noise barriers were commonly used to mitigate traffic noise, members generally did not agree that it was the best solution. Nevertheless, members supported the five guiding principles proposed by the Government for erecting noise barriers. Some members urged that other engineering and nonengineering measures, such as traffic management schemes, should be mapped out. Notwithstanding the concern about the impact on the transport trade if traffic restrictions were to be implemented on major roads and flyovers, the panel supported the proposed restrictions given the severe impact of traffic noise on the neighbouring community, and on the understanding that vehicles could be diverted to at-grade roads.

The panel continued to monitor the progress of measures to tackle the problem of construction and demolition (C&D) waste and municipal waste. Members considered that the Government should set up sorting facilities adjacent to existing landfills to facilitate separation of inert materials from mixed C&D waste. The private sector should also be encouraged to actively take part in the sorting and separation of C&D materials to avoid dumping in the landfills. To enhance separation and recovery of municipal waste, members held the view that apart from waste separation bins, refuse storage chambers and chutes should be provided in residential blocks. Efforts should also be made to promote public awareness on waste prevention and reduction. As regards the phased implementation of the Landfill Charging Scheme to target only C&D waste in the first phase, the panel agreed that it would not be appropriate to introduce the Scheme for the time being when the community had yet to recover from the impact of SARS.



Members of the Environmental Affairs Panel visit the Wanchai Tower to observe the operation of the newly installed Building Integrated Photovoltaic System. (From right) Hon Henry WU King-cheong; Hon CHOY So-yuk, Chairman of the Panel; and Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai.



Members of the Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units brief the press after the Select Committee tabled its First Report at the Legislative Council meeting on 22 January 2003.

The panel welcomed the establishment of the long-awaited Council for Sustainable Development. Members considered that the Council should also assume a coordinating role in resolving conflicting interests of various Government departments, and to perform policy audit to ensure that sustainable development objectives were met. The panel also commented on the establishment of the Sustainable Development Fund and the guidelines for funding applications to include activities such as research.

Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units

In 2000, a spate of problems in public housing projects were uncovered. To address grave public concern about the quality of public housing, the Council appointed a select committee on 7 February 2001 to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the incidents in four housing projects, namely Tin Chung Court, Shatin Area 14B Phase 2, Shek Yam Estate Phase 2 and Tung Chung Area 30 Phase 3.

From February 2001 to January 2003, the select committee held 70 hearings and 115 meetings and took evidence from 85 witnesses. The select committee presented its First Report to the Council on 22 January 2003. Apart from analyzing the organizational structure and working mechanism for the planning and production of public housing, the First Report also provided an account of what had led to the incidents in the housing projects concerned except Tin Chung Court, for which a criminal jury trial was still underway. On the basis of the three incidents and the evidence on the overall working mechanism, the select committee put forward recommendations in the First Report to tackle inadequacies in the quality control of public housing production.

Regarding the Tin Chung Court incident, due to the revelation of new evidence in late October 2002, the select committee needed more time to examine the fresh information. The select committee also considered it more appropriate to make public its findings about the incident after the completion of the relevant trial.

Redress System

he Council operates a redress system under which the public can make representations on or seek solutions to problems arising from Government policies, decisions and procedures. Under the system, Members provide assistance, where justified, for members of the public who are aggrieved by Government actions or policies. They also deal with public representations on Government policies and legislation as well as other matters of public concern.

In groups of six, Members take turns to be on duty each week to oversee the system and to receive and handle representations and complaints made by deputations. In addition, they take turns to be on "ward duty" during their duty week to meet individual complainants and to give guidance to staff in processing cases. Staff of the Secretariat provide full-time support service for Members in the operation of the system.

In 2002-2003, 1,169 new cases were received. Of these, 176 were group representations and 993 were cases brought up by individual members of the public. Out of the 1,150 cases dealt with and concluded within the period, Members directly handled 767 cases which constituted 66.7% of the caseload. Of the remaining 383 cases, 367 were views which were circulated to Members for consideration, and 16 were enquiries and simple cases which were handled by Secretariat staff on behalf of Members. In view of the increased complexity of cases and the increasing awareness of civil rights, the demand on the service, in terms of both quantity and quality, grew considerably. In order to resolve cases expeditiously, Members held 66 case conferences with representatives of the Government. In addition to cases, 2,514 telephone enquiries were handled during the year under review.

Appendix 6 illustrates the nature and outcome of the cases concluded during the period under review. Of the 1,150 cases concluded, assistance was provided to 1,012 cases (88%), while the remaining 138 cases (12%) were not pursued,

Members go on site to better understand traffic noise problems on Kwun Tong Road and along the Mass Transit Railway's Kwun Tong Line.







(Above) Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing (first from right) and Hon WONG Sing-chi (third from right) twice visit the Luen Wo Hui Market in Fanling to understand commercial tenants' operations and consider ways to improve their business environment. (Below) After the second visit, Hon Emily LAU Waihing and Hon WONG Sing-chi confer with the commercial tenants.

as these were either outside the scope of the redress system, groundless, or incomprehensible. *Appendix 7* is a breakdown of these concluded cases by the top 10 Government policy bureaux/departments. *Appendix 8* is a breakdown of all concluded cases by Government policy bureaux/departments, independent organizations and non-Government organizations.

Analysis of Significant Cases Dealt With

Some of the more common and significant cases dealt with under the redress system are as follows:

Immigration Cases

The Immigration Department attracted the largest number of cases, totalling 102. The majority of cases brought up by individuals were related to entitlements to the right of abode in Hong Kong. Other cases were concerned with allegations on the employment of illegal workers and general enquiries on immigration matters.

Pursuant to the Court of Final Appeal judgement on 10 January 2002 on the NG Siu-tung case, which involved about 5,000 applicants for the right of abode in Hong Kong, many individuals sought Members' assistance in requesting the Government to re-consider their cases. Some claimed that they or their family members were eligible for permanent stay in Hong Kong as they were in Hong Kong and had made claims to the Director of Immigration between 1 July 1997 and 29 January 1999. Others put forward humanitarian or compassionate considerations in support of their cases. While most clients were advised that they had to abide by the Court's judgement, cases with compassionate grounds were referred to the Director of Immigration for his consideration as to whether discretion could be exercised under the Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115).

Other immigration cases were related mainly to allegations about the employment of women with exit-entry permits from the Mainland engaged in prostitution activities in Yaumatei, Shamshuipo and Mongkok districts. Upon receipt of these and other referrals, the Immigration Department and the Hong Kong Police Force conducted joint enforcement actions and arrested women suspected of being engaged in prostitution activities. The Immigration Department also established a reporting mechanism to inform security authorities in the Mainland of visitors who were arrested for such activities and deported to the Mainland with a view to tightening the scrutiny of their future applications to visit Hong Kong.

Housing Cases

Housing issues attracted the second largest number of cases, totalling 70. These consisted mainly of individuals' complaints against the management of public rental housing (PRH) estates, applications for rehousing, and requests for compassionate transfer and repair and maintenance of PRH estates.

Some group cases were on the management and maintenance of PRH estates, addition of common facilities, and rental and illegal hawking problems. A group of elderly tenants of the Chui Wan Estate in Chai Wan requested the Housing Department (HD) to replace all castiron soil drainage pipes inside their units as these were aged and leaking.

They were aggrieved that the Department had only agreed to replace and repair sections of the

rusted pipings for only 60 units, out of the total 180 two-person Senior Citizen units in the Estate. As the spread of SARS virus in Amoy Garden was believed to be linked to the building's sewage system, the elderly tenants were worried that they would come into contact with droplets containing the virus from contaminated sewage through the leaked pipes. At Members' request, HD agreed to replace all cast-iron pipes with more durable UPVC material in all of the 180 Senior Citizen units. The replacement work commenced in August 2003, after the spread of SARS had been stabilized, and was expected to be completed in two months.

Tenants of the Cheung Hang Estate, a PRH estate in Tsing Yi, as well as residents living in the vicinity, met with Members to raise objection to HD's proposal to add new blocks to the Estate. Under the proposal, three additional public housing blocks and a new commercial

Several pet lovers organizations protest outside Citibank Tower (left), where the Legislative Council Secretariat Complaints Division is located, before meeting with Members to voice their opinions on keeping of pets in public housing units (below).



complex would be built at the site of the existing commercial complex and community facilities. The deputations were aggrieved at having to put up with the nuisance caused during the seven-year construction period, and were worried that the addition of three housing blocks would generate environmental, traffic and security problems. They also considered it a waste of public funds to re-develop the Estate, which had only been completed for 12 years. The Director of Housing explained at the case conference called by Members that as the existing plot ratio of the Estate was below three, the re-development proposal aimed to maximize its plot ratio to about four to meet the housing needs of applicants for public housing. However, taking into account the requests of residents and Members, and having regard to the prevailing housing policy and the financial considerations, HD would recommend to the Housing Authority to shelve the project. The Director subsequently advised that his recommendation was endorsed by the Strategic Planning Committee of the Housing Authority.

Cases related to the Security Bureau

Cases related to the Security Bureau, totalling 65, were the third largest number of cases handled during the year. The majority of the cases were views from members of the public on the Government's proposal to legislate on Article 23 of the Basic Law. Views were also received concerning the impact of the proposed prison development at Hei Ling Chau.

On the enactment of legislation to implement Article 23 of the Basic Law, some members of the public expressed support and considered the enactment to be mandatory and urgent. They were of the view that this would remove the social and political uncertainties which might affect investors' confidence in the future development of Hong Kong, and reckoned it unnecessary for a white bill to be issued for further consultation. Others, however, were worried that civil rights in Hong Kong would be jeopardized by the enactment of Article 23. Their concerns were on the restrictions on freedom of expression, freedom of the press and freedom of association, and the proposal for the Police to be provided with emergency power of entry, search and seizure without a warrant. They considered the existing legislation sufficient for the protection of national security and that it was not an appropriate time to enact laws to implement Article 23. They urged the Government to withhold enactment for the time being and issue a white bill setting out the details of the proposed legislative provisions for public consultation before re-introducing a blue hill

Some views from members of the public were on the environmental impact of the proposed prison development at Hei Ling Chau. They were worried that its construction would cause irrevocable damage to the ecological environment. Members raised similar concerns at the meeting of the Finance Committee, during which the Government sought Members' endorsement for funding the feasibility study and associated site investigation for the project. In supporting the proposal, Members requested and the Government undertook to carry out the feasibility study in two stages. Under stage one of the feasibility study, the Government would conduct a preliminary study, including an Environmental Impact Assessment. The Government would report the findings of stage one and seek the approval of the Finance Committee before proceeding with stage two.

Social Welfare Cases

The Social Welfare Department attracted 44 cases during the period under review. The majority were individuals' cases related to applications for CSSA and Old Age Allowance.

The Owners' Committee of a private residential development sought assistance regarding a proposal by the developer to convert part of the development's commercial complex into a care home for the elderly. The owners objected to the conversion which they reckoned would contravene provisions in the Deed of Mutual Covenant which prohibited the use of the building as a "boarding house". At the ensuing case conference. Members were advised that the Building Authority would not object to the conversion so long as the premises were in compliance with the building requirements. Members did not agree with this stance, as the proposed conversion would change the plot ratio of the building concerned, and this would be against the reasonable expectation of the



Following up a complaint by the Hong Kong Blind Union, Members, Government officials and deputation representatives visit a site where electronic audible traffic signals have been installed. Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee (second from left) and Dr Hon LAW Chikwong (third from left) talk with deputation members.



Seeking a better understanding of how the new electronic audiable traffic signals are installed and what the actual impact on the visually-impaired is, Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong (second from left) discusses with a Government representative.

owners on the design of and the facilities in the building at the time when they purchased their flats. On the other hand, Members were informed that the Social Welfare Department could not use its licensing power to enforce any provisions in the Deed of Mutual Covenant, as it was a private agreement to which the Government was not a party. As for Members' request to withhold the processing of applications for licences in cases where statutory appeals had been lodged, the Social Welfare Department informed Members after seeking legal advice that the Director of Social Welfare did not have the authority under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap. 459) to defer processing the licence applications. The matter was referred to the Panel on Planning, Lands and Work and the Panel on Welfare Services for follow up from the policy angle.

The Health, Welfare and Food Bureau attracted 41 cases during the period under review. The majority were individuals' cases related to the spread of SARS. These included views on the source of SARS and proposed measures to tackle its spread in Hong Kong. Other cases were mostly proposals for tightening up the provision of Comprehensive Social Security Allowance (CSSA) for new arrivals from the Mainland, and views on the provision of Old Age Allowance and the introduction of charges for Accident and Emergency service at public hospitals.

In the wake of the spread of SARS, Members met with the Hong Kong Early Childhood Education Staff Association to discuss assistance for child care centres (CCC) and parents with financial difficulties. The deputation alleged that the Government had overlooked the need of and risks faced by CCC staff who continued to provide child care service during the class suspension period. They requested the Government to exercise flexibility in providing subsidies to CCCs and financial assistance to parents, some of whom had become unemployed or underemployed as a result of SARS. The Government advised that a series of measures had been introduced to assist CCCs during the SARS period, including the issue of letters to parents appealing for continued payment of fees during the class suspension period and guidelines to CCCs to raise their staff's awareness of the disease; organization of briefing sessions for child care workers on precautionary measures and relief of their pressure and anxiety; and distribution of anti-SARS precautionary materials to CCCs before resumption of classes. The Government also clarified that subsidies for CCCs would not be deducted because of underenrolment. Eligible parents with financial difficulties were granted assistance under the Child Care Centres Fee Assistance Scheme, while those who received assistance under the Scheme and who had to apply for CSSA owing to unemployment were given a special grant to help them meet the monthly fees of CCCs for a period of six months pending verification of their eligibility for CSSA.

Other Significant Cases

Transitional Arrangements for Registration of Chinese Medicine Practitioners

A deputation comprising over 100 listed Chinese medicine practitioners sought assistance from Members in connection with the transitional arrangements for registration of Chinese medicine practitioners. They had been practising in Hong Kong but were required to pass the alternative qualifying assessment to qualify as registered Chinese medicine practitioners. The deputation was aggrieved that the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board of the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong had not explained the reasons for not accepting the proofs submitted by some listed Chinese medicine practitioners for registration as Chinese medicine practitioners, thus resulting in their having to take the Registration Assessment or the Licensing Examination under the transitional arrangements. They were dissatisfied with the Board's refusal to review the results of the alternative qualifying assessment, and also urged the Board to give listed Chinese medicine practitioners who failed in the Registration Assessment the chance for a second attempt. In

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addition, they requested the Government not to set a deadline for the transitional arrangements.

Members held a series of case conferences with the Government and representatives of the Board to pursue the matter. The Board stressed that it comprised mainly of people from the Chinese medicine trade and the decisions made were from the professional perspective of Chinese medicine practitioners. The Board advised that it had conducted the alternative qualifying assessment in accordance with provisions in the Ordinance, and that the evidence and documentary proofs submitted by the applicants in question in respect of their practising experience and academic qualifications were insufficient to satisfy the registration criteria as set out in the Handbook for the Registration of Chinese Medicine Practitioners. At Members' request based on the principle of natural justice, the Board undertook to inform the complainants concerned in writing of the reasons for the Board's decisions. As the Ordinance did not provide for appeal against or review of the results of the assessment, listed Chinese medicine practitioners who were aggrieved by the decisions of the Board would have to apply for judicial review to the Court of First Instance. As regards the number of Registration Assessments to be conducted, the Board agreed to conduct another Registration Assessment, although this would be only for candidates who did not attend the Registration Assessment held for the first time. Unsuccessful candidates who had taken the first Registration Assessment would not be allowed to retake the Assessment as the transitional arrangements under the Ordinance did not allow candidates to retake the Assessment nor did the Ordinance contain any provisions which permitted unsuccessful candidates to retake the Assessment.

As regards the cut-off date of the transitional arrangements, the Government advised that the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food was empowered to specify and promulgate the cut-off date of the transitional arrangements for Chinese medicine practitioners by notice in the Gazette. The Secretary would take into account various factors, including public interest, the latest development of the registration of Chinese medicine practitioners, and the views of the community, before deciding on the schedule for ending the transitional arrangements. The Secretary would inform the Panel on Health Services prior to the publication of the notice in the Gazette.

Members expressed concern about the enforcement of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance and referred the matter to the Panel on Health Services for follow-up.

New Drug for Treatment of Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia

A group of chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML) patients and gastro-intestinal stromal tumor (GIST) patients who had been taking Glivec, a new drug for treating CML, for treatment of their diseases approached Members for assistance. Under a clinical trial programme of Glivec conducted between November 2000 and April 2002, a group of CML patients had been provided with the drug free of charge by the supplier. After the drug was approved for registration in Hong Kong in April 2002, the supplier agreed to continue to provide the drug free of charge to the patients concerned until December 2002. However, as the drug cost each patient some \$20,000 to \$30,000 a month, the patients were worried about the high cost when the supplier ceased to provide the drug.

The patients, therefore, solicited Members'

After Members had taken up the matter with HA, HA advised that the supplier had agreed to provide the drug free of charge to patients who had participated in the clinical trial programme until they no longer required the drug, and that HA would introduce the drug for treatment of CML in public hospitals. Other CML patients who had received traditional treatment without effect could apply for financial assistance from the Samaritan Fund if they had financial difficulties in paying for Glivec on their own.

Termination of Contracts of Temporary Workers of the Hospital Authority

A deputation comprising 70 temporary hospital workers sought Members' help regarding the termination of their contracts with HA. Following the Chief Executive's Policy Address in 2000, HA took part in the Government's Initiatives for Wider Economic Participation, the objective of which was to meet the community's needs for healthcare, and employed 2,500 temporary workers to fill temporary jobs created for two years. As the contracts approached expiry, the workers requested HA to extend their contracts in order to strengthen the healthcare services and cope with the heavy workload. The deputation also urged HA to cease outsourcing services provided by the temporary workers, as they were worried that this would result in a reduction of their wages. At the ensuing case conference, HA advised that all of the 2,500 jobs created under the scheme would be extended, and an additional allocation of about \$200 million would be made available in 2003-2004. HA also clarified that the outsourcing of hospital services was not related to the case in question.

Support for Children with Special Learning Difficulties

A group of parents approached members for assistance regarding the provision of support for children with special learning difficulties. The deputation opined that a working group between the parents concerned and the Government should be set up to facilitate communication and expedite the implementation of educational programmes about learning difficulties. In addition, they proposed that: overseas experts should be invited to train people to specialise in helping the children tackle learning difficulties; an assessment tool for secondary school students should be established to identify those with special learning difficulties; and suitable arrangements for school and public examinations should be made. Members held a case conference with the Government and the related organizations to follow up the case. On the



Members meet with the Hong Kong Association for Specific Learning Disabilities regarding the provision of support for children with learning difficulties.

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above suggestions, the Government and the related organizations assured Members that meetings with the deputation had been and would be held to discuss matters relating to special learning difficulties whenever necessary. Relevant training was organized for school principals and teachers, and those who had received overseas training would share their experience with representatives from other schools. A working group on the special arrangements for examinations had been set up by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority to establish relevant guidelines, while the proposal for establishing an assessment tool would be further considered.

Management of Public Housing Estates by Owners Corporations

A number of cases brought up under the redress system were related to the management of public housing estates by owners corporations. The deputations concerned were dissatisfied with the preparatory arrangements for and the proceedings of owners' meetings. Some owner representatives alleged that they were restricted by management companies from distributing materials campaigning for the election of office bearers of the management committees and from collecting proxies from owners. Others criticized the design of proxy forms as well as forms for the election of office bearers. Most owner representatives expressed discontent at the proceedings of the meetings of owners' corporations. They alleged that some maintenance works endorsed by management committees were unnecessary; the owners corporations' meetings and the election of office bearers were not conducted properly; representatives of HD who sat on the management committees failed to protect the

interest of the PRH tenants; and staff of the District Offices present at the meetings did not offer adequate advice and guidance. In particular, some owners were aggrieved that notwithstanding provisions in the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344) for an owners corporation's meeting to be convened upon the request of the owners of not less than 5% of the shares, the management committees of some owners corporations had decided not to comply with this statutory requirement.

As owners corporations were body corporates and Members were not in a position to interfere with their decisions, the deputations were advised that complaints relating to decisions of owners corporations should be brought up directly with the corporations concerned. They were also advised that complaints relating to the maintenance of law and order or corruption should be reported to the Police or the Independent Commission Against Corruption as appropriate if evidence were available to substantiate the allegations. Nevertheless, where the complaints involved the alleged maladministration of Government departments, Members would take these up with the Government. Accordingly, Members convened case conferences on a number of cases during which representatives from Government departments concerned were invited to elaborate on the support and services provided for the owners. In general, Members shared the deputations' feelings about inadequate support tendered by staff of District Offices to the owners, who after all were amateurs in building management. Members considered that there was a need for the Government to enhance support in this respect by offering advice and issuing advisory guidelines for reference by owners corporations where possible. Members noted that some representatives of HD who sat on the management committees failed to vote for the convening of owners' meetings for cases where the statutory requirement of the request of 5% of the owners had been met. Members reminded HD of the need to observe this statutory requirement when voting.

Since a subcommittee had been formed under the Panel on Home Affairs to review the Building Management Ordinance, Members referred the above views to the subcommittee for further deliberation. In addition, deputations were also advised to forward views to the Home Affairs Department, which was undertaking public consultation on the Ordinance between May and July 2003. Lastly, deputations who doubted the legality of proceedings of owners' meetings or the decisions of owners corporations were advised to bring their cases up with the Lands Tribunal for jurisdiction.

Environmental Nuisance caused by Vehicle Repair Workshops

At a meeting between Members and members of the Kowloon City District Council in December 2002, the latter raised concern about the environmental problems caused by vehicle repair workshops in Kowloon City where over 250 workshops were located. The workshops had generated air and noise pollution, water and waste disposal problems, and problems relating to the illegal occupation of carriageways. Members conducted a site visit together with the District Council members and Government officials, and held a case conference with representatives of the Government to discuss measures to alleviate the environmental nuisance.

At Members' request, the Government implemented a number of improvement



Members including Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin (first from right) pay a site visit to follow up a complaint lodged by Kowloon City District Council members about pollution and nuisance problems caused by vehicle repair workshops and to learn first-hand how such workshops operate.

measures to combat the problem. These included the establishment of a notification system between the Environmental Protection Department and the Labour Department to enhance the efficiency of control and enforcement actions against paint-spraying activities carried out by the workshops in nonindustrial premises; the enhancement of inspection, complaint investigation and enforcement actions; and implementation of the "Collaboration Scheme with Vehicle Repair Workshops to Improve Environmental Compliance", which aimed at promoting environmental awareness and self-regulation of operators of the workshops through educational and publicity activities. As regards the concern about the environmental hygiene conditions of the lightwells at the "13 Streets" at Ma Tau Kok revealed during the site visit, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department organized a special exercise to clean up waste and rubbish accumulated in the lightwells while the Buildings Department followed up the unauthorized building works there. Posters and pamphlets were distributed to remind occupiers to observe environmental hygiene.

Liaison

Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee

The Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee of the House Committee is responsible for the overall co-ordination of all parliamentary liaison activities between the Council and other parliamentary organizations outside Hong Kong, and for considering proposals for setting up friendship groups with such organizations. It makes recommendations to the House Committee on such matters.



Various issues, including the Hong Kong economy, were discussed by members of the Legislative Council Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee with the delegation of the Hong Kong Committee of the All Party China Parliamentary Group of the United Kingdom Parliament.

Luncheons with Consuls-General

To enhance contacts between Members and the diplomatic community in Hong Kong, luncheons were organized to provide opportunities for Members to make acquaintance of and to exchange views with consular officials on the

work of the Council as well as matters of mutual concern. Between October 2002 and September 2003, three such lunches were held, which were attended by a total of 44 consular officials.



Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council and hostess of the luncheon with Consuls-General, addresses the gathering.



Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee (third from left) chats with Mr Nicholas RODGERS (first from left), Consul-General of Australia, and Dr Brigitta BLAHA-SILVA, Consul-General of Austria; while Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting (second from right) talks with Mr Ghassan Y AL-ZAWAWI (third from right), Consul-General of Kuwait, and Mr Laszlo VIZI (first from right), Consul-General of Hungary, during a luncheon with Consuls-General.

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Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai talks with Mr Thivhilaeli E MAKATU, Acting Consul-General of South Africa; and (behind) Hon LAU Pingcheung talks with Mr Eli AVIDAR, Consul-General of Israel.

Contact with District Councils

Members hold on a roster basis regular meetings with the District Councils to exchange views on matters or issues of mutual interest. Members convene such meetings by turn. Each meeting is followed by a luncheon attended by members of the District Council concerned, the President and Members. Policy issues raised at these meetings are referred to the relevant panels for more in-depth study, while individual cases are taken up by the Complaints Division for follow-up with the Government. During the 2002-2003 session, 19 meetings were held with District Councils.

Contact with Heung Yee Kuk

Members also hold regular meetings with Councillors of Heung Yee Kuk to exchange views on matters or issues of mutual concern. During the 2002-2003 session, two meetings between Members and Heung Yee Kuk Councillors were held on 29 October 2002 and 10 June 2003. The Chairman of the House Committee presided at the two meetings. Policy issues raised at the meetings have been referred to the relevant panels for follow-up.



Members of the Legislative Council meet with Southern District Council members to discuss the bus fares in Southern District and other issues.



Legislative Council Members meet regularly with representatives of the Heung Yee Kuk to exchange views on issues of mutual concern.

Visitors

On a regular basis, Members and senior staff of the Council receive visiting parliamentarians, dignitaries and delegations referred by the Information Services Department and other departments of the Government and by consulsgeneral in Hong Kong. During the 2002-2003 session, a total of 87 meetings were held with visitors to brief them on the work of the Council and the latest developments in Hong Kong. These visitors included members of legislatures, political and business leaders, government officials and prominent persons from various territories.



A delegation of the House of Representatives of Thailand pays a visit to the Legislative Council and receives a briefing on the legislative system of Hong Kong.



Legislative Council Members meet with a United States Congressional delegation to discuss the global effort against terrorism and Hong Kong's contribution to that effort; Article 23 legislation; Hong Kong's relations with China and the role of the Legislative Council.



Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council, meets with the President of the French Polynesia and his delegation.



Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council, meets with Mr WANG Guangya, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of China.

Legislative Council Members, led by Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah (third from right on the front row), meet with a delegation of Japan-Hong Kong Parliamentarian League (JHKPL), led by Hon Shozaburo Jimi, Secretary General of JHKPL (third from left on the front row) to discuss the impact on Japanese enterprises in Hong Kong after the signing of the "Mainland/Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement" and other issues.



A delegation of Korean National Assembly Lawmakers visits the Legislative Council to discuss with Members, among other issues, the details of the "Mainland/Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement" and its benefits to Hong Kong.



The President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr Johannes RAU (standing on the left-hand side of Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council), and his delegation visit the Legislative Council and meet with Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai and chairmen and deputy chairmen of six Legislative Council panels.

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Support Services for Members

The Legislative Council Commission

The Legislative Council Commission is a statutory body established under The Legislative Council Commission Ordinance (Cap. 443). Chaired by the President of the Council and comprising 12 other Members, the Commission exercises managerial and financial functions in providing, through the Legislative Council Secretariat, administrative support and facilities to the Council independent of the Government. There are three committees, one working group and one task force under the Commission to carry out specific delegated functions. Membership of the Commission and its various committees, and their terms of reference are set out in *Appendix 9*.

The Legislative Council Secretariat

Headed by the Secretary General, the Legislative Council Secretariat comprises nine divisions. Staff of the Secretariat are directly appointed by the Commission. As at 30 June 2003, there were 313 staff in the Secretariat. The organization chart is shown in *Appendix 10*.

Compositon of

the Legislative Council

President

Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, GBS, JP (Election Committee)

Members

Functional Constituencies

Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP (Industrial – First)

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP (Commercial – First)

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP (Engineering)

Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, GBS, JP (Accountancy)

Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP (Finance)

Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP (Industrial – Second)

Hon Margaret NG (Legal)

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, GBS, JP (Wholesale and Retail)

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong (Education)

Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP (Import and Export)

Hon CHAN Kwok-keung, JP (Labour)

Hon Bernard CHAN, JP (Insurance)

Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP (Textiles and Garment)

Hon SIN Chung-kai (Information Technology)

Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS (Commercial – Second)

Hon WONG Yung-kan (Agriculture and Fisheries)

Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP (Tourism)

Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP (Heung Yee Kuk)

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP (*Transport*)

Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP (Sports, Performing Arts, Culture and Publication)

Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP (Social Welfare)

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP (Real Estate and Construction)

Hon LI Fung-ying, JP (*Labour*)

Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP (Financial Services)

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP (Catering)

Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung (Health Services)

Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP (Labour)

Dr Hon LO Wing-lok, JP (Medical)

Hon IP Kwok-him, JP (District Council)

Hon LAU Ping-cheung (Architectural, Surveying and Planning)

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Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (New Territories West)

Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP

Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee (Kowloon West)

Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Hong Kong Island)

Election Committee

Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP

Hon NG Leung-sing, JP

Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS

Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP

Hon MA Fung-kwok, JP

Geographical Constituencies

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Hong Kong Island)

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (New Territories West)

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (New Territories West)

Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP (Hong Kong Island)

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Kowloon East)

Hon James TO Kun-sun (Kowloon West)

Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP (Kowloon East)

Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP (Kowloon East)

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (New Territories West)

Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP (New Territories East)

Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP (Kowloon West)

Dr Hon YEUNG Sum (Hong Kong Island)

Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP (Kowloon West)

Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP (New Territories East)

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP (New Territories East)

Hon CHOY So-yuk (Hong Kong Island)

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo (New Territories East)

Hon SZETO Wah (Kowloon East)

Members' biographies

Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, GBS, JP

President of the Legislative Council

Date of Birth: 20 September 1945

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Master of Social Science (in Psychology),
 The University of Hong Kong (1970-1973)
- Certificate in Personnel Management, The University of Hong Kong (1969-1971)
- Bachelor of Science (in Chemistry and Physics), The University of Hong Kong (1964-1967)
- St. Stephen's Girls' College, Hong Kong (1952-1964)

Occupation:

Full-time Legislator

Public Service:

Present Service

- Hong Kong Deputy to the Tenth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- Chairman of the Board of Trustee of the Association for Celebration of Reunification of Hong Kong with China Charitable Trust Fund
- Supervising Adviser of the Hong Kong Federation of Women

Past Service

- President of the First Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- President of the Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Hong Kong Deputy to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (1998-2003)
- Member of the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-1997)
- Member of the Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1993-1995)
- Member of the Executive Council (1989-1992)
- Member of the Legislative Council (1983-1992)
- Chairman of the Education Commission (1990-1992)
- Chairman of the Board of Education (1986-1989)

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, GBS, JP

President's Deputy

Date of Birth: 25 January 1945

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- St. Paul's Co-Educational College (Primary and Secondary Levels)
- B.A. in English, The University of Hong Kong
- Post Graduation Diploma, Rose Bruford College of Speech and Drama, UK
- A.D.B., L.R.A.M. in Drama (Teacher and Performer)

Occupation:

Full-time Legislator

Public Service:

Present Service

- Chairman, House Committee, Legislative Council (2000-present)
- Honorary Adviser, Against Child Abuse (1981-present)
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Retail Management Association (1996-present)
- Honorary Adviser, Association of Better Business and Tourism Services (1995-present)
- Director, Hong Kong Intellectual Property Society (1996-present)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Tourism Board (2000-present)
- Board Member, Airport Authority Hong Kong (1999-present)
- Member, Hong Kong Trade Development Council (2000-present)
- Member, Film Development Fund Advisory Committee (1999-present)
- Member, Film Services Advisory Committee (1998-present)

Past Service

- Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Security, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Chairman, Panel on Security, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Legislative Council (1981-1997)
- Member, Executive Council (1991-1992)
- President, Zonta Club of Hong Kong (1976-1977)
- Member, Fight Crime Committee (1976-1981)
- Member, Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (1980-1984)
- Executive Member, Hong Kong Housing Society (1981-1984)
- Member, Council for the Performing Arts (1982-1986)
- Member, Council of The Hong Kong Academy for the Performing Arts (1984-1988)
- Council Member, Family Planning Association of Hong Kong (1984-1985)
- Chairman, Consumer Council (1984-1988)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1986-1988)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Corruption, Independent Commission Against Corruption (1986-1988)
- Member, Education Commission (1990-1992)
- Member, Small and Medium Enterprises Committee (1996-2000)

Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP

Date of Birth: 21 August 1942

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, University of Illinois, USA (1968)

Occupation:

Chairman, Kader Industrial Company Limited

Public Service:

Present Service

- Chairman, Panel on Commerce and Industry, Legislative Council
- Member, Operations Review Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Member, Selection Committee of the Admission of Talents Scheme
- Member, Information Infrastructure Advisory Committee
- President, Hong Kong Plastics Manufacturers Association Limited
- Chairman, Plastics Industry Training Board, Vocational Training Council
- Deputy Chairman, Federation of Hong Kong Industries
- General Committee Member, The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong
- Honorary President, The Toys Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong Limited
- Member, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Hong Kong Trade Development Council
- Director and Executive Committee Member, Hong Kong Plastics Technology Centre
- Member, Council of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Past Service

- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Hong Kong District Affairs Adviser
- Member, Hong Kong Productivity Council (1987-1990)
- Member, Trade Advisory Board (1984-1988)
- Member, Hong Kong Examination Authority (1983-1987)
- Member, Consumer Council (1980-1987)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Second Market, The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
- Member, Plastics Committee, Industry and Technology Development Council
- Member, Board of Review, Inland Revenue
- Member, Barristers Disciplinary Tribunal Panel

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP

Date of Birth: 8 January 1947

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- M. Sc. in Chemical Engineering, San Jose State University, USA (1970)
- B. Sc. in Chemical Engineering, University of Illinois, USA (1968)
- Diocesan Boys' School, Hong Kong (1964)

Occupation:

- · Chairman, Manhattan Holdings Limited
- Chairman, Manhattan Garments (Int'l) Limited

Public Service:

Government Boards and Committees

- Member, Executive Council (resigned on 6.7.2003)
- Chairman, Panel on Economic Services, Legislative Council
- Member, Central and Western District Council (Constituency: Peak)

Non-Government Boards and Committees

- Member, National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Chairman, Liberal Party
- General Committee Member, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
- General Committee Member, Federation of Hong Kong Industries
- Court Member, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Member, Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP

Date of Birth: 5 March 1944

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Electrical Engineering Degree, Northeastern University, USA
- Management Degree, Northeastern University, USA
- M.B.A., Harvard University, USA
- Honorary Doctorate Degree, Northeastern University, USA

Occupation:

- Chairman, Hong Kong Satellite Technology Holdings Limited
- · Chairman, Wah Tak Fung Holdings Limited
- Director, Zhu Kuan Development Co., Limited
- Director, Catic Shenzhen Holdings Limited
- Director, Guangzhou Pharmaceutical Co
- Director, Chuang's China Investments Limited
- Director, CATIC International Holdings Limited

- Hong Kong Deputy to the Tenth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- Member of Hong Kong Housing Authority
- Member of the Council of the Hong Kong Baptist University
- Member of the Travel Industry Council Appeal Panel
- Chairman of Hong Kong War Memorial Pensions Advisory Committee (1999-present)
- Member of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee (1998-present)
- Chairman of the Committee on Members' Interests of the Legislative Council (1998-present)
- Executive Committee Member of the Helping Hand (12/1997-present)
- Member of the Election Council for the Hong Kong Deputies to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (11/1997)
- Honorary President of the Junior Police Officers' Association of the Hong Kong Police Force (1/1997-present)
- Member of the Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member of the Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member of the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-1997)

- Member of the Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1993-1995)
- Member of the Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1992-1997)
- Member of the Consultative Committee on the New Airport and Related Projects (1991-1998)
- Member of Hong Kong War Memorial Pensions Appeal Board (1991-1999)
- Member of Action Committee Against Narcotics (1990-1992)
- Representative of Advisory Council on AIDS (3/1990-2/1992)
- Lecturer of MED Programme, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1985-1989)
- Lecturer of Management Programme, Jiao Tong University, Shanghai (1985-1989)
- Member of Special Committee on Noise, Environmental Protection Advisory Committee (7/1983-6/1984)
- Member of Hong Kong Pistol Shooting Team (1983-1985)
- Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Officer (1982-1985)
- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS)
 - Trustee of HKCSS Trust Fund (1989-1993)
 - Member of the Executive Committee (1992-1993)
 - Chairman of Committee on Hong Kong Mainland China Exchange in Social Welfare (1991-1995)
 - Chairman of Management Committee (1989-1992)
 - Chairman of Executive Committee (1989-1992)
 - Chairman of Finance Subcommittee (1/1989-10/1989)
 - Honorary Treasurer (1988-1989)
- Christian Family Service Centre
 - Convenor of Fund Raising Subcommittee (1989-1996)
 - Member of Board of Directors (1987-1997)
 - Member of Finance and Personnel Subcommittee (1987-1988)
- Community Chest of Hong Kong
 - Vice Patron (1992/1993-present)
 - Member, Former Director Committee (1992/1993-1997)
 - Member, Corporate Contribution Programme Organizing Committee (1992/1993-1997)
 - Board Member (1981-1987, 1990-1992)
 - Member, Admissions, Budgets and Allocations Committee (1984-1987, 1990-1992)
 - Fourth Vice President (1989-1990)
 - Chairman, Admissions, Budgets and Allocations Committee (1989-1990)
 - Member, Executive Committee (1989-1990)
 - Deputy Chairman, Admissions, Budgets and Allocations Committee (1987/1988-1988/1989)
 - Member, Campaign Committee (1984-1986)

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Date of Birth: 24 July 1954

Education and Professional Qualifications:

University of Waterloo, Canada

Occupation:

Legislative Councillor

Public Service:

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Environmental Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, Central Co-ordination Team on the Promotion of I.T. Usage Among Women

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Date of Birth: 1 December 1951

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Laws (Hons.), The University of Hong Kong
- Post-graduate Certificate in Laws, The University of Hong Kong
- Solicitor, Supreme Court of Hong Kong
- Notary Public

Occupation:

Practising Solicitor and Notary Public

Public Service:

- Chairman, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council (2000-2001)
- Member, Tuen Mun District Council (2000-present)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- Member, Provisional Regional Council (7/1997-12/1999)
- Member, Regional Council (1995-6/1997)
- Elected Member, Legislative Council (1995-6/1997)

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Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP

Date of Birth: 23 March 1939

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- B.Sc. (Eng.), The University of Hong Kong
- · D.A.S.E., University of Manchester, UK
- Ph.D., City University of London, UK
- Honorary Doctor of Business Administration, City University of Hong Kong
- Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Manchester, UK
- Authorized Person, Hong Kong
- Registered Structural Engineer, Hong Kong
- Registered Professional Engineer (Building, Civil, Environmental, Geotechnical, Structural)
- Honorary Fellow and Past President of Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (1987/88)
 (Disciplines: Building, Civil, Environmental, Geotechnical, Structural)
- Fellow, Institution of Civil Engineers, U.K.
- Fellow, former Vice President (1989/90) and International Representative (Asia-Pacific Region) of Institution of Structural Engineers, U.K.
- Fellow, Institution of Highways & Transportation, U.K.
- Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences
- Fellow and Adviser of the Hong Kong Institute of Real Estate Administration
- Honorary Fellow of The Hong Kong Institute of Facility Management
- Founder Member & Fellow of Hong Kong Institution of Highways and Transportation

Occupation:

Engineer

Public Service:

Present Service

- Non-official Justice of the Peace
- Ex-officio Member, Election Committee for the Second Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Election Council for Hong Kong Deputies to the Tenth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, Legislative Council

- Member, Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units, Legislative Council
- Chairman, Association of Engineers in Society
- Advisory Professor, Shanghai Tongji University
- Deputy Chairman, Guangdong Daya Bay Nuclear Plant/ Ling Ao Nuclear Plant Safety Consultative Committee
- Member, Gas Safety Advisory Committee

Past Service

- Member, First Legislative Council (Engineering Functional Constituency) (1998-2000)
- Deputy Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, First Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Deputy Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Deputy Chairman, Select Committee 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, Legislative Council
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Ex-officio Member, Election Committee for the First Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- President, Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (1987-1988)
- Member, Basic Law Consultative Committee (1985-1990)
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1994-1997)
- Member, Election Council for Hong Kong Deputies to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- Council Chairman, City University of Hong Kong/City Polytechnic of Hong Kong (1992-1994)
- Chairman, Transport Advisory Committee (1995-1997)
- Member, Industry and Technology Development Council (ITDC) (1992-1994)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Technology Committee of the ITDC (1992-1994)
- Chairman, Executive Committee of Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation (1990-1991)
- Member, Consultative Committee on the New Airport and Related Projects (1991-1998)
- Council Member, Vocational Training Council (1993-1998)
- Member, Occupational Safety and Health Council (1988-1995)
- Member, Construction Industry Training Authority (1981-1993)
- Member, Advisory Group on Road Openings

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Date of Birth: 12 February 1957

Education and Professional Qualifications:

B. Sc. (Eng.), Department of Civil Engineering, The University of Hong Kong

Occupation:

General Secretary, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions

Public Service:

- Member, Legislative Council (1995-1997) (1998-2000)
- Standing Committee Member, Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China (1989-present)
- Committee Member, Hong Kong Catholic Commission on Labour Affairs (1992-1994)
- Organizer, Kwun Tong Occupational Health Centre (1978-1980)
- Executive Secretary, Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee (1980-1990)
- Committee Member, Employees Retraining Board (1995-present)
- Committee Member, Construction Advisory Board (1996-3/1999)
- Committee Member, Committee on Occupational Safety and Health, Labour Advisory Board (2/1999-present)

Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP

Date of Birth: 8 June 1938

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- B.A., The University of Hong Kong
- Queen's Counsel

Occupation:

Barrister-at-law

- Legal Adviser, The Hong Kong Medical Association
- Member, Democratic Party
- Member, Hong Kong Bar Association
- Legal Adviser, Federation of Civil Service Unions
- Member of the Board of Reference, Christian Solidarity Worldwide Hong Kong
- Honorary Legal Adviser, The Wong Tai Sin Community Health Promotion Association
- Honorary Legal Adviser, Arts Association, Hong Kong University Students' Union

Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, GBS, JP

Date of Birth: 23 May 1953

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Adjunct Professor, School of Accountancy, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Manchester, UK
- Honorary Doctor of Social Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University
- Honorary Fellow, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Honorary Fellow, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Honorary Alumnus, London Business School
- B.A. in Economics (Hons.), University of Manchester,
 UK
- Fellow, Hong Kong Society of Accountants
- Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
- · Honorary Fellow, CPA Australia
- Fellow, Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, UK
- Honorary Registered Financial Planner, Society of Registered Financial Planners
- Honorary Hong Kong Accounting Technician
- Honorary Fellow, The Hong Kong Institute of Housing
- Certified Public Accountant

Occupation:

Senior Partner, Li, Tang, Chen & Co., Certified Public Accountants

- Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Legislative Council (1998-present)
- Vice-Chairman, Independent Police Complaints Council
- Member, Deposit-taking Companies Advisory Committee
- Member, User's Committee, Inland Revenue Department
- Vetting Committee Member, Professional Services
 Development Assistance Scheme of Commerce,
 Industry and Technology Bureau
- Member, Steering Committee on the Centre for Youth Development, Home Affairs Bureau
- Member, Court of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

- Chairman, Advisory Board on Accounting Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Member, School of Business Advisory Committee, Hong Kong Baptist University
- Steering Committee Member, China Accounting and Finance Research Centre, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Course Adviser, Hong Kong College of Technology
- Honorary President, Hong Kong Physically Handicapped and Able-Bodied Association
- President, Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped
- Honorary President, Hong Kong Kindergarten Association
- President, Activities Committee, Eastern District Junior Police Call
- · Honorary President, Schooling Foundation for China
- Honorary President, Hong Kong Soong Ching Ling Gold Key Training Foundation
- Senior Adviser, The Community Chest of Hong Kong
- Honorary Adviser, Young Leaders Development Program 2003 of AIA Foundation
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong AIDS Foundation
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Association
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Junior Chamber of Commerce
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Outstanding Students' Union
- Hong Kong Director, International Bureau for Children's Rights
- Director, Gifted Education Foundation Limited
- Member, London Business School Regional Advisory

 Board
- Member, Children Programming Consultative Committee, Television Broadcasts Limited

Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP

Date of Birth: 13 March 1939

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- M.A. (Economics and Law), University of Cambridge
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Bankers
- Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
- Fellow, British Computer Society
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, England
- Honorary Degree of Doctor of Law, University of Cambridge
- Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws, University of Warwick
- Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws, The University of Hong Kong
- Honorary Degree of Doctor of Social Sciences, Lingnan College
- Fellow, Hong Kong Society of Accountants
- Fellow, The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers
- Fellow, The Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants

Occupation:

Banker (Chairman and Chief Executive, The Bank of East Asia Limited)

Public Service:

Present Service

- Chairman, The Chinese Banks' Association, Limited
- Member, Hong Kong Association of Banks Committee
- Member, Consultative Council, Hong Kong Association of Banks
- Member, Banking Advisory Committee
- Member, Exchange Fund Advisory Committee
- Member, Subcommittee on Currency Board
- Member, Land Fund Advisory Committee
- Vice Chairman, One Country Two Systems Research Institute Limited
- Chairman, Executive Committee and Council, Hong Kong Management Association
- Chairman, Executive Committee and Honorary
 Treasurer, Finance Council of the Friends of Cambridge
 University in Hong Kong
- Chairman, Executive Committee of St. James' Settlement
- Chairman, the Advisory Board of The Salvation Army, Hong Kong and Macau Command
- · Life Patron, The Hong Kong Ballet

- Governor, Asian Institute of Management
- Pro-Chancellor, The University of Hong Kong
- Member, Hong Kong Red Cross Advisory Council
- Member, Pacific Rim Bankers Program Advisory Board
- Trustee, University Graduates Association Scholarship Fund
- Vice Patron, The Community Chest of Hong Kong
- Founder Member, Friends of The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race
- Member, The Asia Society International Council
- Member, A Commission on a New Asia
- Trustee, Board of Trustees, American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird)
- Trustee, University of Cambridge Foundation
- Trustee, Cambridge Overseas Trust
- Member, Council of Governors, Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care
- Honorary Patron, Sincere Charitable Foundation
- Unofficial Justice of the Peace
- Patron, Festival Fringe
- Honorary Member, The Hong Kong Aviation Club
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Arts Festival Society Limited
- Honorary Patron, Mandarin Golf and Country Club
- Member, American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
- Chairman, East Asian History of Science Foundation
- Honorary Adviser, Overseas Graduates Association
- Member, SEI Center for Advanced Studies in Management Board, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania
- Member, Daimler Chrysler International Advisory Board
- Fellow, McKinsey Global Institute
- Member, The Asia Society Hong Kong Centre Advisory Committee
- Member, Federal Reserve Bank of New York's International Advisory Committee
- Non-Executive Director, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority
- Non-Executive Director, China Merchants China Direct Investments Limited
- Non-Executive Director, China Overseas Land & Investment Limited
- Non-Executive Director, COSCO Pacific Limited
- Director, Dow Jones & Company, Inc
- Non-Executive Director, Guangdong Investment Limited
- Non-Executive Director, Henderson Cyber Limited
- Director, Hong Kong Interbank Clearing Limited
- Director, Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation
- Non-Executive Director, The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited

- Non-Executive Director, The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited
- Non-Executive Director, PCCW Limited
- Non-Executive Director, San Miguel Brewery Hong Kong Limited
- Non-Executive Director, SCMP Group Limited
- Non-Executive Director, Sime Darby Berhad
- Non-Executive Director, Vitasoy International Holdings Limited

Past Service

- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser
- Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-1997)
- Vice-Chairman, Basic Law Drafting Committee (1985-1990)
- Member, Preliminary Working Committee, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1993-1995)
- Member, Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (1982-1985)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Legislative Council (Functional Constituency - Finance) (1985-1997)
- Chairman, Banking Training Board of the Vocational Training Council (1985-1993)
- Member, Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Managing Board (1982-1991)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Festival Fringe (1982-1986)
- Chairman, Appointments Board of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1986-1987)
- Honorary Adviser, Japan Airlines Hong Kong Office (1991-1992)
- Governor, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (1990-1991)
- Member, Institutes of Biotechnology at The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Board of Overseers) (1989-1995)
- Member, Jardine Fleming Asian Property Company Advisory Council (1989-2000)
- The Community Chest of Hong Kong
 - Member, Admissions, Budget and Allocations Committee (1977-1979)
 - Deputy Chairman, Admissions, Budget and Allocations Committee (1979-1981)
 - Fourth Vice President and Chairman of Admissions, Budget and Allocations Committee, and Executive Committee Member (1981-1983)
 - First Vice President and Chairman of the Executive Committee (1983-1985)
 - Board Member (1981-1987)

- The Hong Kong Ballet
 - Chairman, Board of Governors (1987-1992)
 - Vice Patron (1992-1996)
- Chairman, Advisory Committee on Graduate Employment of Hong Kong Polytechnic (1983-1985)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Polytechnic Advisory Committee on Business and Management Studies (1989-1993)
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Convenor, Investment Committee of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government Land Fund Trust (1986-1997)
- Member, Bank Austria International Advisory Board (1992-1998)
- Member, Bank of Montreal International Advisory Council (1992-1998)
- Member, Rolls-Royce South East Asia Advisory Board
- Member, Advisory Committee of ING Beijing Investment Company Limited

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Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

Date of Birth: 25 April 1955

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Arts (Sociology)
- Master of Social Work
- Registered Social Worker, Hong Kong

Occupation:

Member, Legislative Council

Public Service:

- Deputy Chairman, House Committee, Legislative Council
- Chairman, Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Economic Services, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Deputy Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Legislative Council (1991-1997)
- Chairman, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council (1994-1997)
- Member, Urban Council (1991-1997)
- Member, Kwun Tong District Board (1985-1994)
- Member, Executive Committee, Democratic Party (1994-2000)
- Member, Urban Renewal Authority (2001-present)
- Member, Court and Council, Hong Kong Baptist University (1991-2000)
- Member, Estate Agents Authority (1997-2000)
- Member, Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped (1997-2003)
- Member, Advisory Board, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (1991-1997)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Corruption (1996-2001)
- Director, AIDS Concern (1998-present)
- Member, Provisional Urban Council (1997-1999)
- Director, Senior Citizen Home Safety Association (1997-present)
- Member, Complaints Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption (2002-present)

Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP

Date of Birth: 4 April 1938

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- M.Sc.
- Ph.D.
- P.Eng./C.Eng.

Occupation:

Businessman

- Chairman, Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Economic Services, Legislative Council
- Standing Committee Member, The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong
- Honorary Chairman, The Hong Kong Electronics Industries Association
- Member, Electronics Committee, Hong Kong Industry and Technology Development Council
- Member, Hong Kong International Arbitration Center
- Member, Trade Advisory Board
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Election Council for Hong Kong Deputies to the Tenth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- Member, Shandong Political Consultative Congress
- Vice President, Shandong Province General Chamber of Commerce
- Chairman, Hong Kong Shandong Business Association
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority

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Hon NG Leung-sing, JP

Date of Birth: 11 July 1949

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Heung To Middle School
- · Diploma, University of East Asia, Macau

Occupation:

Vice Chairman, Chiyu Banking Corporation Limited

Public Service:

- Deputy Chairman, Finance Committee, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Establishment Subcommittee, Legislative Council
- Trustee, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government Land Fund (1988-1997)
- Chinese Representative, Sino-British Land Commission (1988-1997)
- Member, Corporate and Employee Contribution Programme Organizing Committee of Hong Kong Community Chest (1992-present)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1996-present)
- Director, Bank of China Hong Kong Charitable Foundation (1996-present)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, First Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Second Legislative Council (2000-2004)
- Committee Member, Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1999-present)
- Member, the Council and the Court of Lingnan University (1999-present)
- Member, Admission of Talents Scheme Selection Committee (1999-present)
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee (1999-present)
- Committee Member, The Hong Kong Chinese Importers' and Exporters' Association (2001-present)
- Member, Fisheries Development Loan Fund Advisory Committee (2001-present)

Hon Margaret NG

Date of Birth: 25 January 1948

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- B.A., The University of Hong Kong
- M.A., The University of Hong Kong
- Ph.D., Boston University
- B.A. (Law), The University of Cambridge
- P.C.LL. (Law), The University of Hong Kong
- Barrister-at-Law

Occupation:

Barrister

- Chairman, Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services, Legislative Council (1995-1997) (1998present)
- Deputy Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure, Legislative Council (1998-present)
- Member, Operations Review Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Member, Panel of Lay Assessors (1979-1981)
- Member, Shatin District Advisory Board (1980-1981)
- Member, Shatin District Board (1981-1982)
- Member, Management and Operations Committee, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1980-1983)
- Member, Citizen's Advisory Committee on Community Relations, Independent Commission Against Corruption (1981-1983)
- Member, Executive Council of The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1984-1985)
- Adjudicator, Obscene Articles Tribunal (1987-1988)
- Member, Public Relations Committee for The Community Chest of Hong Kong (1989-1990)
- Part-time Member, Central Policy Unit (1989-1990) (1991-1992)
- Member, Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (1996)
- Member, Town Planning Appeal Board
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-1997) (1998-2000)

Hon James TO Kun-sun

Date of Birth: 11 March 1963

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- LL. B., The University of Hong Kong
- Solicitor of Hong Kong Court

Occupation:

Solicitor

Public Service:

- Chairman, Panel on Security, Legislative Council (1998-2000, 2001-2002)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Security, Legislative Council (2000-2001, 2002-2003)
- Member, Legislative Council (1991-1997)
- Elected Member, Sham Shui Po District Board (1991-1994)
- Elected Member, Yau Tsim Mong District Council (1999-present)
- Member, Fight Crime Committee (1992-2003)
- Member, Action Committee Against Narcotics (1994-present)
- Member, Managing Board, Land Development Corporation (1996-2001)
- Member, Investor Education Advisory Committee, Securities and Futures Commission (1998-2001)
- Founding Member, United Democrats of Hong Kong (1990-1995)
- Founding Member, Democratic Party (1995-present)

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

Date of Birth: 15 September 1954

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Social Science, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1978)
- · Registered Teacher

Occupation:

- Teacher
- Member of the Legislative Council

- Member, Legislative Council (1991-1997) (1998-present)
- Member, Education Commission (1993-present)
- Council Member, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1998-present)
- President, Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union
- Member, Standing Committee, Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China
- Member, Executive Committee, Democratic Party
- Member, Central Committee, Democratic Party

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Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP

Date of Birth: 4 September 1942

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Foshan University

Occupation:

Company Managing Director

Public Service:

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Commerce and Industry, Legislative Council
- Director, Exchange Fund Investment Limited (2000-2003)
- Member, Small and Medium Enterprises Committee
- Adviser, Po Leung Kuk
- Vice President and Honorary President, The Hong Kong Chinese Importers' and Exporters' Association
- Deputy Chairman, The Hong Kong Progressive Alliance
- Deputy, The Eighth Guangdong People's Congress
- Member of The Standing Committee, The Ninth Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Guangdong Province
- Honorary Adviser, The Hong Kong Life Saving Society
- Life Honorary President, Hong Kong Winter Swimming Association
- Member, The China Overseas Friendship Association
- Honorary President, The Association of The Hong Kong Central and Western District Limited
- Honorary President, The Unified Association of Kowloon West Limited
- Honorary President, Guangdong Chamber of Foreign Investors

Hon CHAN Kwok-keung, JP

Date of Birth: 17 January 1946

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Honorary Fellow Member, Hong Kong Institution of Textile and Apparel
- Higher Certificate in Textile Technology, Hong Kong Polytechnic

Occupation:

Associate Director, Clothing Industry Training Authority

- Chairman, Establishment Subcommittee, Legislative
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Legislative
- Member, Legislative Council (1998-present)
- Member, Standing Executive Committee of The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions
- Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Wearing Apparel Industry Employees' General Union
- Member, Social Policy Committee of The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions
- Member, Social Affairs Committee of The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions (1994-2000)
- Member, Right and Benefit Committee of The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions (1994-2000)
- Director, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions Hong Ling Foundation for the Well-being of The Elderly Limited
- · Member, Employees Retraining Board
- Adviser, Construction Industry Training Authority Staff
 Association
- Adviser, Hong Kong Scaffolding Professionals General Union
- Adviser, Leisure Service Staff Associations
- Honorary President, Public Housing and Private Property Services Technical Staff Association
- Honorary Adviser, Pok Oi Hospital (2003-2004)
- Honorary President, Huizhou Overseas Friendship Association

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Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP

Date of Birth: 15 November 1946

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- · Hoi Luk Fung School
- San Kiu Middle School
- Chack Kwan Middle School
- Higher Diploma, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Hong Kong Business Management Society
- B.A. in Philosophy, Guangdong Science and Research University
- University of Warwick

Occupation:

Trade Union Officer

- Chairman, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council (2000-2001)
- Chairman, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Chairman, Panel on Housing, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- Vice-Chairman, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions
- Chairman, Hong Kong Department Stores and Commercial Staff General Union
- Member, Standing Committee, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong (1992-present)
- Director, Education Advancement Society for Workers in Hong Kong and Kowloon
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1994-1997)
- Special Representative of All-China Women's Federation
- Member, Eastern District Board (1988-1991)

- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee (1998-present)
- Member, Hong Kong Productivity Council (1994-1995)
- Honorary Chairman, Federation of Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories Public Housing Estate Residents and Shopowners Organization
- Councillor of Management, Lok Kwan Social Service Company Limited
- Trustee, Hong Kong-China Relation Strategic Development Research Fund
- Chairperson of Sau Ming Primary School Management Committee

Hon Bernard CHAN, JP

Date of Birth: 11 January 1965

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Bachelor of Arts, Pomona College, California, USA

Occupation:

- Executive Director, Asia Financial Group
- Executive Director, Asia Insurance Company Limited
- Executive Director, Asia Commercial Bank Limited

Public Service:

Industry Service

- Member, Insurance Advisory Committee
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee
- Member, Insurance Intermediaries Quality Assurance Scheme Steering Committee

Community Service

- Chairperson, The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
- Chairman, Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service
- Director, The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited
- Member, Business Advisory Group
- Member, Fight Crime Committee
- Council Member, Lingnan University
- Vice-Chairperson, Community Investment and Inclusion Fund Committee
- Member, Committee on Financial Assistance for Family Members of Those Who Sacrifice Their Lives to Save Others

Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP

Date of Birth: 22 January 1949

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Hong Kong Technical College (now known as The Hong Kong Polytechnic University) (1971)

Occupation:

Full-time Councillor

- Chairman, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council (2000-2001, 2002-2003)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council (2001-2002)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority
- · Board Member, Urban Renewal Authority
- Director, The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited
- Member, Task Force on Employment
- Council Member, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Chairman, Kwun Tong Resident Union
- Member, Kwun Tong District Council
- Central and Standing Committee Member, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong
- Vice President, Kowloon Federation of Associations
- Director, Kowloon City, Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin Residents Association Company Limited
- Deputy Chairman, Finance Committee, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Chairman, Panel on Trade and Industry, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Deputy Chairman, Public Accounts Committee,
 Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- Kwun Tong Provisional District Board Member (1997-1999)
- Elected Member, Kwun Tong District Board (1988-1997)
- Hong Kong District Affairs Adviser (1994-1997)
- Member, Bilingual Laws Advisory Committee (1995-1997)

Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP

Date of Birth: 9 October 1945

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Bachelor of Mathematics and Computer Science, University of Illinois, USA

Occupation:

- Director, Bay Apparel Limited
- Director, Golden Emblem Investment Company Limited
- Director, Golden Harvest Dyeing & Weaving Factory Limited
- Director, Fong Shing Cotton Mill (Hong Kong) Limited
- Director, Tai Fong Dyeing & Weaving Factory Limited

Public Service:

Present Service

- Hong Kong Deputy to the Tenth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- Councillor, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Commerce & Industry, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Health Services, Legislative Council
- Member, Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong
- Chairperson, Women's Commission
- Honorary President and Founding Member, Hong Kong Federation of Women
- Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club
- Adviser, Ladies Committee, Chiu Yang Residents Association of Hong Kong
- Member, Textiles Advisory Board
- Director, Textile Council of Hong Kong Limited
- Patron Member, The Textile Institute (Hong Kong Section)
- Member, Steering Committee on the Development of Fashion Industry, Trade and Industry Department
- Director, Federation of Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers
- Honorary President, Federation of Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Chinese Textile Mills Association
- Council Member and Director, The Hong Kong Institute of Directors Limited

- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Environmental Industry Association
- Member, The American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
- Permanent Member, The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce Limited
- Honorary President, Chiu Yang Residents Association of Hong Kong Limited
- Permanent Honorary President, Friends of Hong Kong Association Limited
- Permanent Honorary President, Central District Kai-Fong Welfare Association Limited
- Committee Member, Federation of Hong Kong Guangdong Community Organizations Limited
- Honorary President, Federation of Hong Kong Guangdong Committee Organizations Limited
- Honorary President, Hong Kong Shunde Xing Tan Clansmen Association Limited
- Honorary Adviser, Federation of Hong Kong Chiu Chow Community Organizations
- Chairperson, Governing Board, Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre
- Founder & Chairman, The Young Entrepreneurs Development Council Limited
- Honorary President, The Overseas Teo Chew Young Entrepreneurs Association
- Permanent Adviser, Yan Chai Hospital
- Co-founder, Education Aboard Services (Hong Kong) Limited
- Honorary Adviser, College of Nursing, Hong Kong
- Founding Senior Member, Foundation for Educational Development and Research, The University of Hong Kong
- Chairman, Chi Lin Trust Fund for the Aged Committee
- Founder, Elementary Charitable Foundation
- Member, Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee

Past Service

- Councillor, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Chairman, Panel on Health Services, Legislative Council (2000-2002)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Public Service, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Panel on Trade and Industry, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Panel on Health Services, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Panel on Environmental Affairs, Legislative Council (1998-2000)

- Councillor, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Central Policy Unit (1993-1995)
- Adjudicator, Immigration Tribunal (1986-1994)
- Adjudicator, Registration of Persons Tribunal (1987-1988)
- Member, Regional Services Appeals Board (1990-1996)
- Member, Administrative Appeals Board (1994-2000)
- Member, Human Resources Committee, Housing Authority (1996-1999)
- Member, Industry and Technology Development Council (1993-1999)
- Chairperson, Steering Committee for the "Campaign to Promote the Image of the Textiles and Clothing Industry" (1998-1999)
- Member, Steering Committee for the "Campaign to Promote the Image of the Textiles and Clothing Industry" (1999-2001)
- Member, Federation of Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers (1997)
- Member, Travel Industry Council Appeal Panel (1998-1999)
- Member, Provisional Hospital Authority (1988-1990)
- Member, Hospital Authority (1990-2002)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Regional Advisory Committee of Hospital Authority (1996-1997)
- Chairman, Human Resources Committee, Hospital Authority (1990-1994)
- Chairman, Supporting Services Development Committee, Hospital Authority (1994-1995)
- Member, Standing Committee, Hospital Authority (1990-1995)
- Chairman, New Territories Regional Advisory Committee, Hospital Authority (1997-2001)
- Trustee, Charitable Foundation, Hospital Authority (1996-2001)
- Member, Public Meeting, Hospital Authority (1990-2001)
- Member, Planning Committee, Hospital Authority (1990-2001)
- Member, Administration & Operation Meeting, Hospital Authority (1990-2002)
- Member, Finance Committee, Hospital Authority (1990-2002)
- Member, Medical Services Development Committee, Hospital Authority (1990-2002)
- Member, Audit Committee, Hospital Authority (1990-2002)

- Member, Hong Kong Regional Advisory Committee, Hospital Authority (1998-2002)
- Chairman, Hospital Governing Committee, Castle Peak Hospital (1994-1997)
- Member, Hospital Governing Committee, Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital (1991-1997)
- Chairman, Hospital Governing Committee, Tsan Yuk Hospital (1993)
- Member, Hospital Governing Committee, Tsan Yuk Hospital (1994-1999)
- Chairman, Hospital Governing Committee, Queen Mary Hospital (1997-2002)
- Director, Queen Mary Hospital Charity Limited (1997-2000)
- Chairman, Human Organ Transplant Board (1996-2000)
- Director, Board of Directors, Yan Chai Hospital (1983-1984)
- Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, Yan Chai Hospital (1984-1985)
- Chairman, Board of Directors, Yan Chai Hospital (1985-1986)
- Chairman, Maryknoll Medical & Welfare Association (1987-1988)
- Honorary Treasurer and Executive Committee Member, Maryknoll Medical and Welfare Association (1982-2000)
- Voting Member, Board of Governors, Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital Limited (1988-1999)
- Member, Council and Court, Hong Kong Baptist University (1996-2001)
- Member, Personnel Committee, Hong Kong Baptist University (1996-2001)
- Member, Chi Lin Elderly Service Management Committee (1993-2002)
- Vice-Chairman and Member, United Nations Children's Fund (1985-2000)
- Vice-Chairman, Ladies Committee, International Festival of Dance Academics (1990)

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Date of Birth: 19 May 1953

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- B.A. (Hons.), University of Essex, UK
- Post-graduate Certificate in Education, The University of Hong Kong

Occupation:

Teacher

Public Service:

- Member, Kwai Tsing District Board/District Council (1985-present)
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-1997) (1998present)
- Executive Committee Member, Neighbourhood and Workers Service Centre
- Member, The Frontier
- Standing Committee Member, Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China (1990-present)

Hon SIN Chung-kai

Date of Birth: 15 June 1960

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- M.B.A., The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Bachelor of Science, The University of Hong Kong
- Member, Hong Kong Computer Society
- Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

Occupation:

Assistant Information Technology Project Manager

- Chairman, Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Committee on Members' Interests, Legislative Council
- Member, Information Infrastructure Advisory Committee, Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau (1998-2004)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Code of Practice for Recognized Certification Authorities (2000-2004)
- Member, Information Technology Task Force, Equal Opportunities Commission (2000-2001)
- Member, Steering Committee of the Hong Kong Education City (2000-present)
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee (1998-2003)
- Director, Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited (1999-2004)
- Member, Kwai Tsing District Board/District Council (1985-present)
- Member, Legislative Council (Information Technology) (1998-2004)
- Member, Legislative Council (New Territories South) (1995-1997)
- Chairman, Kwai Tsing District Board (1994-1999)
- Member, Regional Council (1988-1994)
- Member, Advisory Board of the Hong Kong Wireless Technology Industry Association (2001-present)
- Member, Steering Committee, Information Security and Forensics Society (2000-2002)
- Member, Working Group on Web-enabling Women, Home Affairs Department (2000-2002)

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- Member, Advisory Board of Hong Kong Silicon Valley.com (Hong Kong Chapter) (2000-present)
- Honorary Member, Hong Kong External Telecommunications Services Association (1999-present)
- Adviser, Information and Software Industry Association (1999-2003)
- Council Member, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (2001-2004)
- Member, Investor Education Advisory Committee, Securities and Futures Commission (2001-2003)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (2001-2005)
- Member, TV Program Advisory Panel, Radio Television Hong Kong (2000-2004)
- Member, Advisory Committee for the R&D Programme in Transport Information Systems, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (2001-2004)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Corruption of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (2002-2003)
- Member, Advisory Committee for the Master of Science Programme in Information and Technology Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1999-2003)
- Member, Advisory Peer Group, Applied Computing Program, Open University of Hong Kong (1999-present)
- Member, Travel Agents Advisory Committee (2002-2004)
- Adviser, Hong Kong Linux Industry Association (2003)

Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP

Date of Birth: 11 December 1943

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- B.A. (Hons.), The University of Hong Kong
- M.P. A., Syracuse University, USA

Occupation:

- Member, Legislative Council (New Territories East)
- Honorary Professor of Government and Public Administration, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Public Service:

Political

- Member, Legislative Council (1998-present)
- Chairman, Panel on Constitutional Affairs, Legislative Council (1998-present)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- President, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- President, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Hong Kong Branch (1995-1997)
- Member, Legislative Council (for New Territories South-East) (1995-1997)
- Chairman, Finance Committee, Legislative Council (1994-1995)
- Member, Executive Council (1991-1992)
- Member, Legislative Council (for New Territories East) (1991-1995)
- Member, Legislative Council (for New Territories East) (1988-1991)
- Convenor, Constitutional Development Panel, Legislative Council (1986-1994)
- Member, Legislative Council (for New Territories East) (1985-1988)
- Chairman, Finance Committee, Shatin District Board (1982-1991)
- Member, Shatin District Board (1981-1994)
- Member, Shatin District Advisory Board (1979-1981)

Others

- Member, Court of The University of Hong Kong (1985-present)
- Ex-officio Executive Committee Member, Heung Yee Kuk (1989-present)
- Justice of the Peace (1989-present)
- Chairman, Insurance Agents Registration Board, The Hong Kong Federation of Insurers (1997-present)
- Member, Travel Industry Council Appeal Panel (1999-present)
- Member, Council of The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (1999-present)
- Member, Convocation Standing Committee, The University of Hong Kong (1983-present)
- Chief Editor, Convocation Newsletter, The University of Hong Kong (1980-present)

Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS

Date of Birth: 23 December 1938

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- M.Sc. (Engineering), University of California, USA
- J.D. (Law), Southland University, USA
- Ph.D. (Engineering), California Coast University, USA

Occupation:

 Chairman and Chief Executive, Winco Paper Products Company Limited

- Chairman, Finance Committee, Legislative Council
- Deputy, National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- Vice Chairman, The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong
- Member, Hong Kong Trade Development Council

Hon WONG Yung-kan

Date of Birth: 10 August 1951

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Diploma in Modern Management, South China Teacher's University

Occupation:

Fisherman

Public Service:

- Hong Kong District Affairs Adviser (1995-1997)
- Member, Tai Po District Board/District Council (1991-1997) (1999-2003)
- Member, Tai Po Provisional District Board (1997-1999)
- Member, Agriculture, Fisheries, Commerce and Industries Committee, Tai Po District Board/District Council (1985-2003)
- Member, Traffic and Transport Committee, Tai Po District Board/District Council (1991-2003)
- Member, Environmental Improvement and Works Committee, Tai Po District Board (1991-1997)
- Member, Recreation, Sports and Cultural Affairs Committee, Tai Po District Board (1991-1997)
- Member, Social Services Committee, Tai Po District Board/District Council (1991-2003)
- Convenor, Working Group for Elderly Project, Social Services Committee, Tai Po District Board (1996-1998)
- Member, Fish Marketing Advisory Board
- Member, Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries
- Chairman, Aquaculture Subcommittee, Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries
- Member, Livestock Subcommittee, Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries
- Member, Capture Fisheries Subcommittee, Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries
- Member, Wetland Advisory Committee
- Member, Working Group on Fisheries Management
- Member, Fisheries Development Loan Fund Advisory Committee

- Member, Mainland Fishermen Deckhands Appeal
 Board
- Member, Working Group on Close Fishing Season in the South China Sea
- Deputy President, New Territories Association of Societies
- Chairman, Joint Committee of Hong Kong Fishermen's Organizations
- Chairman, Federation of Fishermen's Cooperative Societies of Tai Po District New Territories Limited
- Director, The Unlimited Liabilities Cooperative Society of Tai Po Hand-liner Fishermen
- Chairman, New Territories Fishermen Fraternity
 Association
- Chairman, Federation of Hong Kong Aquaculture Associations
- President, Tai Po Dragon Boat Race Committee

Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP

Date of Birth: 17 May 1947

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- B.A., The University of Hong Kong (1968)
- Cert. Ed., The University of Hong Kong (1981)
- M. Ed., The University of Hong Kong (1983)

Occupation:

Full-time Legislator

Public Service:

- Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services, Legislative Council (1998-present)
- Member, Executive Council
- Non-Executive Director, Securities and Futures Commission
- Member, National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Council Member, Open University of Hong Kong
- Member, English Schools Foundation
- Supervisor, Pui Kiu Middle School
- Member, Complaints Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Member, Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee
- Member, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory Board

Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP

Date of Birth: 30 March 1948

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- B.Sc. (Economics) Part I, London University
- British Diploma in Marketing
- Member, Chartered Institute of Marketing, UK

Occupation:

General Manager, Industry and Hong Kong Affairs, Cathay Pacific Airways

Public Service:

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting, Legislative Council
- Member, Southern District Board
- Member, Legislative Council (1991-1997) (1998-present)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-1997)
- Member, Election Committee for the First Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Advisory Committee on Travel Agents
- Member, Copyright Tribunal
- Member, Tourism Strategy Group
- Member, Rehabilitation Advisory Committee
- Member, Executive Committee, Outward Bound Trust of Hong Kong
- Member, Central Committee, Liberal Party

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Dr Hon YEUNG Sum

Date of Birth: 22 November 1947

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- B. Soc. Sc., The University of Hong Kong
- M.A., University of York, UK
- Ph.D, The University of Hong Kong

Occupation:

 University Lecturer, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong

Public Service:

- Chairman, Democratic Party
- Member, Executive Committee, Democratic Party
- Member, Central Committee, Democratic Party
- Chairman, Panel on Education, Legislative Council (2000-2001, 2002-2003)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Education, Legislative Council (2001-2002)
- Committee Member, Education Action Group

Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS

Date of Birth: 7 November 1951

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Chinese Y.M.C.A. College
- B. Soc. Sci., The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Diploma in Education, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Occupation:

Principal, Tin Shui Wai Heung To Middle School

- Vice Chairman, Panel on Education, Legislative Council (2002-2003)
- Hong Kong Deputy to the Ninth and Tenth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- President, Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers
- Supervisor, Education Development Committee of Heung To Middle School
- Member, Education Commission
- Vice Chairman, Independent Police Complaints
 Council
- Member, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory Board
- Vice Convenor, Executive Committee, Hong Kong Culture Association
- Vice Chairman, Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Basic Law of Hong Kong
- Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Chinese Reform Association
- Director, Project Hope Return to School
- Executive Committee Member, Green China Foundation
- Adviser, Wen Wei Po
- Adviser, Hong Kong Commercial Daily
- Honorary Adviser, Hok Yau Club
- Honorary Adviser, Kowloon Federation of Association
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong United Youth Association
- Honorary President, Sham Shui Po Residents
 Association
- Honorary President, Mongkok District Residence Association
- Honorary President, Hong Kong Youths United Association
- Adviser, Hong Kong Youth Association

Date of Birth: 12 September 1944

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Senior Secondary Level

Occupation:

Legislative Councillor

Public Service:

- Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Legislative Council
- Director, Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee
- Chairman, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions
- Executive Member, Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China
- Spokesman, Coalition to Monitor Public Transport and
 Utilities
- Board Member, Hong Kong Marrow Match Foundation
- Member, Court of The University of Hong Kong

Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP

Date of Birth: 22 June 1957

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- St. Paul's College
- Sir Robert Black College of Education
- B. Phil., University of Exeter, UK
- M. Phil., City Polytechnic of Hong Kong

Occupation:

Legislative Councillor

- Chairman, Panel on Security, Legislative Council
- Member, Shatin District Council
- Member, Central Committee, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong
- Convenor, Civil Force

Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP

Date of Birth: 15 October 1936

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Ling Shan College

Occupation:

Chairman, Wing Tung Yick (Holdings) Limited

Public Service:

- Member, National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (1993-present)
- Chairman, Heung Yee Kuk (1980-present)
- Chairman, Tuen Mun District Board/District Council (1982-present)
- Chairman, Tuen Mun Rural Committee (1972-present)
- Member, The Drafting Committee for The Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, The Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, The Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser
- Member, Legislative Council (1985-1997)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Chairman, Provisional Regional Council (1997-1999)
- Member, Regional Council (1985-1997)
- President, The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association, Tuen Mun District
- President, The Scout Association of Hong Kong, Tuen Mun District
- Member, Yan Oi Tong Advisory Board

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP

Date of Birth: 27 April 1947

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- B.A. Hons., The University of Hong Kong
- Solicitor, Supreme Court of Hong Kong
- Solicitor, Supreme Court of England
- Barrister and Solicitor, Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia
- Diploma in Chinese Law, University of East Asia

Occupation:

- Solicitor and Notary Public
- China-Appointed Attesting Officer

Public Service:

- Chairman, Panel on Transport, Legislative Council (1998-present)
- Chairman, Committee on Members' Interests, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Chairman, Panel on Transport, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Chairman, Committee on Members' Interests, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- Chairman, Panel on Transport, Legislative Council (1991-1997)
- Member, Legislative Council (1988-1997) (Transport and Communication Constituency 1995-1997)
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Chairman, Security and Guarding Services Industry Authority
- Chairman, Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service (1991-2000)
- Chairman, Correctional Services Children's Education Trust Committee (1990-1999)
- Member, Fight Crime Committee (1989-2001)
- Member, The Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (1990-1996)
- Chairman, Subcommittee on Guardianship and Custody of The Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong
- Member, Regional Council (1986-1991)
- Member, Hospital Governing Committee, Kowloon Hospital (1993-2001)
- Member, Hong Kong Port and Maritime Board
- Member, Hong Kong Logistics Development Council

Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP

Date of Birth: 16 July 1947

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Laws (Hons.), University of London
- Solicitor of Hong Kong
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales
- Notary Public
- China-Appointed Attesting Officer

Occupation:

Solicitor and Notary Public

Public Service:

Present Service

- Chairman, Panel on Financial Affairs, Legislative
 Council
- Standing Committee Member, The National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Chairman, The Hong Kong Progressive Alliance
- Justice of the Peace
- · Member, The Board of the Urban Renewal Authority
- Director, The Board of Lung Kong World Federation School (Hong Kong) Limited
- Director, The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited
- Member, Task Force on Employment

Past Service

- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-1997)
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1993-1997)
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- Member, The Consultative Committee on the New Airport and Related Projects (1991-1998)
- Member, The Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1993-1995)
- President, The Law Society of Hong Kong (1992-1993)
- Chairman, The Central and Western District Board (1988-1994)
- Member, The Advisory Committee on Legal Education (1991-1995)

- Member, The Board of Review on Inland Revenue (1985-1996)
- Member, The Bilingual Laws Advisory Committee (1988-1997)
- Member, The Court of The University of Hong Kong (1998-2000)
- Member, The Managing Board of the Land Development Corporation (1992-2001)
- Chairman, The Board of Review on Education (1993-2001)

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

Date of Birth: 21 January 1952

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- B.A., Broadcast Journalism, University of Southern California, USA
- M. Sc., International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London,

Occupation:

Legislative Councillor

Public Service:

- Deputy Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Constitutional Affairs, Legislative Council
- Directly Elected Legislative Councillor (1991-1997) (1998-present)
- Vice-Chairperson, Hong Kong Journalists Association (1988-1989)
- Chairperson, Hong Kong Journalists Association (1989-1991)

Hon CHOY So-yuk

Date of Birth: 10 October 1950

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Master of Philosophy, The University of Hong Kong (1978)
- Bachelor of Science (Hons.), The University of Hong Kong (1974)

Occupation:

Merchant

Public Service:

- Member, Legislative Council (1998-present)
- Chairman, Panel on Environmental Affairs, Legislative Council
- Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Chairman, Panel on Information Policy, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Selection Committee Member for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Eastern District Council
- Member, Fujian Committee, The Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Member, Council for Sustainable Development
- Central Committee Member, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong
- Chairman, Hong Kong Trees Conservation Association
- Deputy Secretary General, Board of Directors, Overseas Chinese University of China
- Member, Environment and Conservation Fund
 Committee
- Permanent Honorary Chairman, South China Athletics Association
- Honorable Chairman, Yin Ngai Central Council
- Honorary Vice President, Hong Kong Federation of Women
- Honorary Consultant, Hong Kong Southern District Community Association Limited
- Honorary Chairman, The Hong Kong Eastern District Community Association
- Honorary Chairman, Joint Committee of Hong Kong Fishermen's Organizations

- Honorary Chairman, Hong Kong Eastern District Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Member, Appeal Board of Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong
- Director, Fujian Middle School, Hong Kong
- Permanent Honorary Chairman, Gee Tuck General Association Hong Kong Limited
- Honorary Chairman, Hong Kong Youth Association

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Date of Birth: 28 April 1960

Education and Professional Qualifications:

B.A., M.A., M.Ed., P.C.LL, Practising Solicitor

Occupation:

Solicitor

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council
- Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council (2000-2001)
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-1997) (1998-present)
- Member, Tai Po District Council (1999-present)

Hon SZETO Wah

Date of Birth: 28 February 1931

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- · Queen's College
- Grantham College of Education
- Evening School of Higher Chinese Studies

Occupation:

Full-time Legislator

Public Service:

- Member, Legislative Council (1985-1997) (1998-present)
- Member, Provisional Urban Council
- Member, Urban Council (1995-1997)
- Member, Executive Committee, United Democrats of Hong Kong (1991-1994)
- Member, Executive Committee, Democratic Party
- Chairman, Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China
- Chief Secretary, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions (1990-1992)
- President, Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union (1974-1990)
- Vice-President, Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union (1990-1996)
- Chairman of Senate, Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union (1996-present)
- Chairman, Chinese Textbooks Committee (1986-1996)

Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP

Date of Birth: 14 February 1946

Education and Professional Qualifications:

University of Southern California, USA

Occupation:

Merchant

Public Service:

- Member, National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- President, Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China
- President, Hong Kong Football Association
- President, Hong Kong Sports Press Association
- Member, International Olympic Committee

Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP

Date of Birth: 1 November 1953

Education and Professional Qualifications:

B.Soc. Sc., M.S.W., M.B.A., D.S.W., R.S.W.

Occupation:

Social Work Teacher

Public Service:

- Chairman, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council (2002-2003)
- Member, Legislative Council (Social Welfare Functional Constituency) (1995-1997) (1998-present)
- Member, Social Welfare Advisory Committee (1995-2002)

Professional Bodies

- Board Member, Hong Kong Social Workers Association (1982-1986, 1988-1990, 1995-present)
- Board Member, Social Workers Board of Registration (1997-present)

Community Service

- Executive Committee Member, Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1990-1994) (1995-present)
- Chairman, Senior Citizen Home Safety Association (1996-present)
- Member, Research and Development Committee, Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (1993-present)
- Member, Management Committee, Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong (1998-present)
- Vice-Chairman, Democratic Party (2000-2002)
- Chairman, Cyber Senior Network Development Association Limited (2001-present)
- Committee Member, Rain Lily Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Women (2001-present)

Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP

Date of Birth: 15 December 1949

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Australia National University, Centre for Continuing Education, studied "Adult Education"
- London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, studied "Trade Union Studies", UK
- Honorary Life Fellow, Institute of Commercial Management, UK

Occupation:

- Trade Union Officer
- Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions

Public Service:

- Member, Executive Council (1997-2002)
- Chairman, Employees Retraining Board
- Chairman, Elderly Commission
- Chairman, Panel on Public Service, Legislative Council
- Member, Vocational Training Board
- Member, Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service
- Member, Manpower Development Committee
- Member, Steering Committee on Civil Service Pay Adjustment Mechanism
- Member, Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference

Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP

Date of Birth: 26 September 1942

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- M.B.B.S., University of Adelaide, Australia
- F.R.C.S., Edinburgh, UK
- F.R.C.P.S., Glasgow, UK
- F.H.K.A.M. (Surgery)
- F.H.K.C.S.

Occupation:

Medical Practitioner

Public Service:

- Chairman, Panel on Planning, Lands and Works, Legislative Council
- Chairman, Yuen Long District Council
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Chairman, Panel on Health Services, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Legislative Council (Elected Member New Territories West Constituency) (1992-1995)
- Member, Provisional Regional Council (1997-2000)
- Member, Regional Council (1986-1988)
- Yuen Long District Board Member (1980-1991)
- Member, Municipal Services Appeals Board
- Member, Administrative Appeals Board
- Member, Hospital Governing Committee, Tuen Mun Hospital (1997-2002)
- Permanent Adviser and former Chairman, Pok Oi Hospital
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser
- Council Member, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1997-1998)
- Justice of the Peace
- Court Member, The University of Hong Kong
- Member, Antiquities Advisory Board

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP

Date of Birth: 24 June 1945

Education and Professional Qualifications:

B.A. and Dip. Ed., University of Sydney, Australia

Occupation:

Director

Public Service:

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Transport, Legislative Council
- Member, Antiquities Advisory Board (1996-2002)

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Tertiary Education

Occupation:

Full-time Legislator

Public Service:

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Public Service, Legislative Council
- Member, Equal Opportunities Commission
- Member, Task Force on Employment
- Chairman, The Federation of Hong Kong and Kowloon Labour Unions

Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP

Date of Birth: 23 August 1951

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Master of Applied Science, University of Toronto, Canada

Occupation:

Merchant/Executive Director

Public Service:

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Financial Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, Eastern District Council
- Chairman, Eastern District Fight Crime Committee
- Member, Council of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Member, Environmental Campaign Committee
- Director, Board of The Ocean Park Corporation
- Member, Statistics Advisory Board
- Member, Board of Trustees of The Lord Wilson Heritage Trust
- Member, Action Committee Against Narcotics
- Member, Investment Subcommittee of Beat Drugs Fund Association
- Vice Chairman, Guangdong Daya Bay Nuclear Power Station/Ling Ao Nuclear Power Station Nuclear Safety Consultative Committee
- Vice Chairman, The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce
- Chairman, Executive Committee of The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
- Director, Hong Kong Physically Handicapped and Able-Bodied Association
- Trustee, Queen Mary Hospital Charitable Trust
- Chairman, Board of Hong Kong Dance Company Limited
- Director, Friends of Hong Kong Association
- Standing Committee Member, Hong Kong Pei Hua Education Foundation
- Honorary Permanent President, The Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange Society
- Permanent Honorary President, Hong Kong Stockbrokers Association

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP

Date of Birth: 30 September 1949

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Pepperdine University (B.Sc., M.B.A.)

Occupation:

- Chairman, Goldearn Consultants Limited
- Chairman, Villani Limited
- Chairman, Syto Trading and Investment Limited
- Chairman, Citiway Development Limited
- Deputy General Manager, World Trade Centre Club Hong Kong
- Director, Art Concept International Culture Studies Foundation Limited
- Independent Non-Executive Director, Wah Yuen Holdings Limited

Public Service:

- Member, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hyiene, Legislative Council
- Member, Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries & Conditions of Services
- Member, Eastern District Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Aldrich Area Committee
- Member, Complaints Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption
- · Member, Liquor Licensing Board
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority Commercial Properties Committee
- Chairman, Hong Kong Catering Industry Association
- Honorary Life President, The Association of Restaurant Managers Limited
- Convenor and Spokesman, Restaurant Trade TES Concern Group
- Adviser, Sai Kung Food & Beverages Association
- 港九粉麵製造業工會名譽會長
- President, Kowloon City Merchant Association
- Vice Chairman, Hong Kong Eye Foundation
- Member, Quality Tourism Services Council
- Adviser, Association of Better Business and Tourism
 Services
- Member, Chinese Cuisine Training Institute Training Board
- Member, The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
- Committee Member, Diocesan Boys' School

Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

Date of Birth: 23 August 1955

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Master of Health Services Management
- Registered Mental Nurse
- Certificate in Medical Psychology
- Certificate in AIDS Counselling
- Post Registration Diploma in Nursing Administration

Occupation:

- Legislative Councillor (Health Services) (full-time)
- Department Operations Manager, Kwai Chung Hospital (part-time)
- Guest Lecturer of University of Ballarat of Australia (part-time)

Public Service:

- Executive Member, Association of Hong Kong Nursing Staff (1991-present)
- Department Operations Manager of a public hospital (1994-present)
- Volunteer, Hong Kong AIDS Foundation (1991-present)

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Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Date of Birth: 3 March 1955

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- · Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Social Work
- Master of Social Work

Occupation:

Full-time Councillor

Public Service:

- Deputy Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Planning, Lands and Works, Legislative Council
- · Member, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Transport, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Public Service, Legislative Council
- Chairman, Bills Committee on Land Registration (Amendment) Bill 2000
- Member, Bills Committee on Boilers and Pressure Vessels (Amendment) Bill 2001
- Member, Bills Committee on Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2001
- Chairman, Subcommittee on review of the Building Management Ordinance, Panel on Home Affairs
- Member, Subcommittee to study discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation
- Member, Subcommittee on matters relating to the implementation of railway development projects
- Member, Bills Committee on Electoral Provisions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2002
- Member, Bills Committee on Foreshore, Sea-bed and Roads (Amendment) Bill 2003
- Member, Bills Committee on Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill 2002
- Member, Bills Committee on Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill 2002
- Member, Bills Committee on Tung Chung Cable Car Bill
- Member, Bills Committee on Village Representative Flection Bill
- Member, Bills Committee on Land Titles Bill
- Member, Bills Committee on Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2003

- Member, Bills Committee on Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2003
- Member, Subcommittee to follow up the outstanding capital works projects of the former municipal councils
- Member, Tsuen Wan District Board/District Council (1985-present)
- Member, Legislative Council (1991-1997)
- Member, Regional Council (1986-1995)

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Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP

Date of Birth: 21 October 1951

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Bachelor, University of Jinan
- Certificate in Social Studies, The University of Hong Kong

Occupation:

Unionist

Public Service:

- Vice Chairman, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions (HKFTU)
- Deputy Director, Rights and Benefits Committee, The HKFTU
- Vice Chairman, Hong Kong and Kowloon Rubber and Plastic Workers General Union
- Adviser, Association of Managerial, Clerical and Technical Employees in Manufacturing Industry
- Member, Labour Advisory Board (1991-2000)
- Member, Employees Retraining Board (1992-1999)
- Member, Guangdong Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Member, Occupational Safety and Health Council (1992-1995)
- Member, Hong Kong Productivity Council (1995-1999)

Dr Hon LO Wing-lok, JP

Date of Birth: 13 September 1954

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- St. Paul's College (Primary) (1961-1967)
- St. Paul's College (Secondary) (1967-1974)
- Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong (1974-1979)
- M.B.B.S. (HK) (1979)
- M.R.C.P. (UK) (1984)
- D.T.M. & H. (London) (1985)
- F.H.K.C.P. (Fellow of Hong Kong College of Physicians) (1991)
- F.H.K.A.M. (Medicine) (Foundation Fellow of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine) (1993)
- F.R.C.P. (Edinburgh) (1997)

Occupation:

Medical Practitioner

Public Service:

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Health Services, Legislative Council
- Council Member, The Hong Kong Society for Infectious Diseases (1996-present)
- The Hong Kong Medical Association
 - President (2000-2002)
 - Vice-President (1998-2000)
 - Council Member (1997-1998)
- Member, The Medical Council of Hong Kong (1999-present)
- Member, Subcommittee on Infectious Disease, The Hong Kong College of Physicians (1999-2001)
- St. James' Settlement of Hong Kong
 - Member, Management Committee for the Adult Health Promotion Centre
 - Member, Advisory Committee on Residential Services
- Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health (COSH)
 - Member (01.10.1997-present)
 - Chairman, Working Group on the Quit (Tobacco Smoking) Campaign (1998 and 2000)
 - Chairman, Publicity and Community Involvement Committee
 - Chairman, Working Group for the 1999 World No Tobacco Day Activities (1999)

- Member, Hospital Governing Committee of Tung Wah East Hospital, Hospital Authority (28.08.1997-present)
- Trailwalker (1994-1999)
 - Co-ordinator of the Hong Kong Medical
 Association for Trailwalker. Mobilized more than
 100 members of the medical profession to
 participate in this charity walk and collectively
 raised HK\$ 2.8 million for charity over the 5 years
 - Member, Trailwalker Advisory Committee (8/2000-8/2001)
- Member, Steering Committee on Healthy Living, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (5/1998-present)
- Member, Election Committee (Medical Sub-sector) for the election of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1998)
- Member, Scientific Committee of the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS (1999-present)
- Member, Advisory Council on Food and Environmental Hygiene (1.4.2000-present)
- Vice-Chairman, Independent Police Complaints Council (2001-present)

Hon WONG Sing-chi

Date of Birth: 11 October 1957

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Bachelor Degree in Social Work
- Registered Social Worker

Occupation:

Registered Social Worker

Public Service:

- Member, North District Council (1991-1994) (2000-present)
- Member, Regional Council (1995-1999)
- Legislative Councillor (2000-present)
- C C C Lim Tze School Management Committee Member
- Church of Christ in China Executive Committee Member (2002-2003)

Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

Date of Birth: 17 March 1953

Education and Professional Qualifications:

B.A. (Hons.) in Social Policy and Public Administration, Bradford University, UK (1982)

Occupation:

- Part-Time Tutor, City University of Hong Kong Continuous and Professional Education
- Columnist of the Oriental Daily News

Public Service:

Political Experience

 Founder and Chairman, Hong Kong Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood (1986-present)

Experience on Community Organizations and Societies

- President, Concern for Sham Shui Po People's Livelihood (1984-present)
- Community Organizer, Society for Community Organization (1976-1979)

$Experience\ on\ China-Hong\ Kong\ Affairs$

- Member, Election Council for Hong Kong Deputies to the Ninth and Tenth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (1997-present)
- Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1996-1997)
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1996-1998)
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1994-1997)
- Member, Hong Kong Basic Law Consultative Committee (1985-1989)

Parliamentary Experience

- Elected Member, Legislative Council (2000-2004)
- Elected Member, Sham Shui Po District Council (2000-2003)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Elected Member, Legislative Council (1991-1997)
- Elected Member, Sham Shui Po District Board (1988-1991)
- Elected Member, Urban Council (1983-1995)

Experience on Cultural Affairs

- Chairman, Performing Companies Subcommittee of Urban Council (1985-1995)
- Vice Chairman, Culture Select Committee of Urban Council (1984-1995)
- Board Member, Hong Kong Philharmonic Society (1984-1985)

Experience on Housing Affairs

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council/Provisional Legislative Council (1991-1998)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1990-1998)
- Director, Hong Kong People's Council on Public Housing Policy (1982-1989)

Experience on Educational Affairs

- Tutor, City University of Hong Kong Continuous and Professional Education (1998-present)
- General Education Co-ordinator, The University of Hong Kong (2/1999-8/2000)

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Date of Birth: 8 November 1951

Hon Wah Middle School

• Bachelor, South China Normal University

Occupation:

Executive Secretary, Hon Wah Educational Organization

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Public Service:

- Hong Kong Deputy to the Tenth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- Deputy Chairman, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong (DAB)
- Member, Central and Western District Board/District Council (Kwun Lung)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority/Building Committee, Hong Kong Housing Authority
- Member, Action Committee Against Narcotics
- Member, Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service
- Member, Court of The University of Hong Kong
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, The Legislative Council Commission
- Convenor, Legislative Council Caucus, DAB
- Honorary Adviser, Association of the Hong Kong Island Limited
- Honorary Adviser, Association of the Hong Kong Central and Western District Limited
- Adviser, Kennedy Town Kaifong Association
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Kwun Lung Residents Association
- Adviser, Tun Sin Tan Limited
- Court Member, Hong Kong Taoist Association Shun Yeung Primary School
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Chamber of Small and Medium Business Limited
- Honorary Adviser, Chinese Merchants Association
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Rice Suppliers' Association Limited
- Court Chairman, Fong Chung Social Service Centre Limited
- Honorary Adviser, Pok Oi Hospital
- Honorary Chairman, New Territories District Adviser Alumni Association

- Honorary Adviser, Sai Ying Pun Kaifong Welfare
 Association
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- Member, The Legislative Council Commission (1995-1997)
- Convenor, Legislative Council Caucus, DAB (1995-1997)
- Chairman, Legislative Council Select Committee to Inquire into the Circumstances Surrounding the Departure of Mr Leung Ming-yin from the Government and Related Issues (1996-1997)
- Chairman, Panel on Public Service, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Deputy Chairman, House Committee, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Convenor, Provisional Legislative Council Caucus, DAB (1997-1998)
- Chairman, Panel on Public Service, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Hong Kong District Affairs Adviser (appointed by China) (1994-1998)
- Member, Court of The University of Hong Kong (1995-1998)
- Honorary Adviser, Local Geotechnical Engineers' Association, Civil Engineering Department (1995-1997)
- Member, District Fight Crime Committee, Central and Western District (1993-2000)
- Member, Caritas Community Center Kennedy Town Advisory Committee (1995-1997)
- Adviser on Club Affairs, Hok Yau Club (1997-2000)
- Honorary Chairman, Anglo-Chinese Vegetable Wholesale Merchants Association Limited
- Honorary Chairman, Western District Licensed Hawkers Friendly Association
- Honorary Chairman, Hong Kong and Kowloon Merchants and Hawkers Association
- Chairman, Sun Way Mansion Owners' Corporation (1990-1995)

Hon LAU Ping-cheung

Date of Birth: 3 October 1951

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- Hong Kong Polytechnic (now known as The Hong Kong Polytechnic University), Higher Diploma in Quantity Surveying (1974)
- Master of Science Degree in Construction Project
 Management, The University of Hong Kong (1990)
- Fellow, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
- Registered Professional Surveyor
- Member, The Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators
- Authorized Person Surveyor under the Buildings Ordinance
- Fellow, The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
- Associate, The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Occupation:

Quantity Surveyor

Public Service:

Major Professional Activities

- President, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (1996-1997)
- Chairman, The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Hong Kong Branch) (1996-1997)
- Chairman, Surveyors Registration Board of Hong Kong (1995-1996)

Promotion of Professional Services

- Vice-chairman, The Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services (HKCPS) (2001-present)
- Chairman of Board of Directors, Joint Professional Centre (2000-present)
- Member, Trade Development Council's (TDC)
 Professional Services Advisory Committee (1996-2003)
- Convenor, TDC's Infrastructure Development Services Promotion Working Group (2000-2003)
- Chairman, TDC's Infrastructure Development Advisory Committee (2003-present)
- Member, TDC's Services Promotion Programme Committee (2003-present)
- Convenor, Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors Subcommittee on Independent Quantity Surveyors' Role in Infrastructure Projects (1998-2000)
- Member, Advisory Council, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (1997-present)
- Member, Vetting Committee for the Professional Services Development Assistance Scheme (2002-2004)

Community Service

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Planning, Lands and Works, Legislative Council (2000-present)
- Member, The Community Chest Dress Casual Day Organizing Committee (1996-present)
- Honorary Adviser, Po Leung Kuk Project Development and Property Management Committee (1997-1998)
- Honorary Adviser, Capital Works Project, Provisional Urban Council (1998-1999)
- Member, Tourism Development Steering Committee, Hong Kong Tourist Association (HKTA) (1996-1997)
- Member, HKTA Task Force on Aquatic Stadium Study (1997-2000)
- Member, Contractors Registration Preparation
 Committee, Buildings Department (BD) (1997-1998)
- Member, Contractors Registration Committee, BD (1998-2001)
- Member, Construction Advisory Board (CAB) (1999-2002)
- Member, Contracts Committee, CAB (1999-2002)
- Member, Appeal Panel, Estate Agents Authority, Housing Bureau (1999-2000)
- Co-opted Member, Building and Development Committee, Construction Industry Training Authority (CITA) (1999-2003)
- Member, Cost and Environment Subcommittee, Construction Industry Review Committee (CIRC) (2000)
- Member, Election Committee for 1998 Legislative Council Election
- Member, Election Committee for 2000 Legislative Council Election and 2002 Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Chief Executive Election
- Non-executive Director, Urban Renewal Authority (2001-present)
- Member, Advisory Group on Road Openings, Highways Department (2001-2002)

Education Promotion

- External Examiner, Department of Building and Construction, City University of Hong Kong (1997-1999)
- Honorary Adviser, Professional Diploma in Real Estate Administration, School of Professional and Continuing Education (SPACE), The University of Hong Kong (1998-present)
- Academic Advisory Committee, Post-Graduate Diploma in Real Estate Development and Quantity Surveying, SPACE, The University of Hong Kong (1998-2001)
- Council Member, City University of Hong Kong (2001-2003)
- Chairman, Advisory Committee for the Department of Land Surveying & Geo-Informatics, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (2001-2003)

Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

Date of Birth: 11 September 1953

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- St. Francis Canossian College (1960-1970)
- St. Paul's Co-Educational College (1970-1972)
- LL.B. (Hons.), The University of Hong Kong (1972-1975)
- LL.M., University of London (1975-1976)
- College of Law (Bar Finals) (1976-1977)
- Called to the Bar in England (1977)
- Called to the Bar in Hong Kong (1978)
- Called to the Inner Bar in Hong Kong (1993)
- Senior Counsel (1997)

Occupation:

Barrister

Public Service:

- Member, Operations Review Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption (01.01.2003-31.12.2004)
- Member, Witness Protection Review Board Panel, Independent Commission Against Corruption (01.01.2003-31.12.2004)
- Member, Estate Agents Authority, Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau (01.11.2002-31.10.2004)
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Association of Registered Tour Co-ordinators Limited (2002-2003)
- Honorary Legal Adviser, Hong Kong Doctors Union (2002-2003)
- Legal Adviser, The Hong Kong 1095th Eastern Optimistic Scout Group (05.03.2001)
- Chairman, Appeal Tribunal Panel (Buildings), Planning and Lands Bureau (01.12.2000-30.11.2003)
- Chairman, Appeal Board Panel (Consumer Goods Safety), Commerce and Industry Bureau (20.10.1999-19.10.2003)
- Deputy Chairman, Inland Revenue Board of Review, Finance Bureau (03.01.1995-31.12.2003)
- Member of Justice, Hong Kong Section of the International Commission of Jurists (1999)
- Member, Provisional Council on Reproductive Technology (1995-2000)
- Patron, St. John's Cathedral HIV Education Centre (1999)
- Member, Board of Advisers for the British Chevening Scholarships in Hong Kong (1999)

- Member, Management Committee of Consumer Legal Action Fund, Consumer Council (06.12.1994-05.12.2000)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Bar Association (16.01.1997-20.01.1999)
- Chairman, Subcommittee on Civil Liability for Unsafe Products, Law Reform Commission (1995-1998)
- Member, Subcommittee on Description of Flats on Sale, Law Reform Commission (1992-1998)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (01.04.1994-31.03.1996)
- Member, Consumer Council (01.01.1989-31.12.1995)Member, Board of Education (01.07.1991-30.06.1995)

Hon MA Fung-kwok, JP

Date of Birth: 2 July 1955

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Civil Engineering, Hong Kong Polytechnic

Occupation:

Managing Director, Major Trend Entertainment Limited

Public Service:

- Member, Culture and Heritage Commission
- Member, Estate Agents Authority
- Member, Projects Vetting Committee of Film Development Fund
- Member, Film Services Advisory Committee
- Member, Copyright Tribunal of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Convenor, New Century Forum
- Director, The Hong Kong Chinese Importers' and Exporters' Association
- Founding Member and Vice Chairman, Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories Motion Picture Industry Association Limited

Appendix 3

Bills

Passed

			Gazette	1st Reading	Passage through		
		Bills	Date	Date	LegCo Date		
@+	1	Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation)					
O,		(Amendment) Bill 2001	8.6.2001	20.6.2001	18.12.2002		
@+	2.	Fire Services (Amendment) Bill 2001	22.6.2001	4.7.2001	12.3.2003		
@+	3.	Chemical Weapons (Convention) Bill	28.9.2001	7.11.2001	2.7.2003		
@+	4.	Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Bill 2001	2.11.2001	14.11.2001	12.3.2003		
@+	5.	Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2001	9.11.2001	21.11.2001	26.2.2003		
+	6.	Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2001	16.11.2001	28.11.2001	6.11.2002		
@+	7.	Adaptation of Laws Bill 2001	7.12.2001	19.12.2001	22.1.2003		
@+	8.	Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2001	7.12.2001	19.12.2001	2.7.2003		
#@+	9.	Interest on Arrears of Maintenance Bill 2001	21.12.2001	9.1.2002	21.5.2003		
@+	10.	Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill 2001	28.12.2001	9.1.2002	19.3.2003		
@+	11.	Prevention of Child Pornography Bill	11.1.2002	23.1.2002	10.7.2003		
@+	12.	Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) Bill 2002	18.1.2002	30.1.2002	26.2.2003		
@+	13.	Companies (Amendment) Bill 2002	18.1.2002	30.1.2002	2.7.2003		
@+	14.	Occupational Deafness (Compensation) (Amendment) Bill 2002	28.3.2002	17.4.2002	7.5.2003		
@+	15.	Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill 2002	12.4.2002	24.4.2002	14.5.2003		
@+	16.	Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill 2002	3.5.2002	15.5.2002	9.7.2003		
@+	17.	Evidence (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2002	17.5.2002	29.5.2002	25.6.2003		
@+	18.	Village Representative Election Bill	4.10.2002	9.10.2002	12.2.2003		
@+	19.	Electoral Provisions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2002	4.10.2002	9.10.2002	18.12.2002		
@+	20.	Education Reorganization (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2002	8.11.2002	20.11.2002	19.2.2003		
+	21.	Housing (Amendment) Bill 2002	22.11.2002	4.12.2002	19.3.2003		
@+	22.	Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2002	29.11.2002	11.12.2002	18.6.2003		
@+	23.	Tung Chung Cable Car Bill	30.1.2003	12.2.2003	28.5.2003		
	24.	Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill 2003	14.2.2003	19.2.2003	19.3.2003		

	Bills	Gazette Date	1st Reading Date	Passage through LegCo Date
#* 25.	Dao Heng Bank Limited (Merger) Bill	30.1.2003 & 7.2.2003	26.2.2003	19.3.2003
@+ 26.	Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2003	21.2.2003	26.2.2003	3.7.2003
27.	Appropriation Bill 2003	5.3.2003	5.3.2003	9.4.2003
* 28.	The Bank of East Asia, Limited (Merger of Subsidiaries) Bill	14.2.2003 & 21.2.2003	12.3.2003	9.4.2003
29.	Law Amendment and Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2003	7.3.2003	19.3.2003	30.4.2003
* 30.	Daughters of Mary Help of Christians Incorporation (Amendment) Bill 2002	8.11.2002 & 15.11.2002	9.4.2003	30.4.2003
@+ 31.	Revenue Bill 2003	28.3.2003	9.4.2003	25.6.2003
@+ 32.	Revenue (No. 2) Bill 2003	4.4.2003	9.4.2003	25.6.2003
@+ 33.	Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2003	4.4.2003	9.4.2003	10.7.2003
34.	Merchant Shipping (Liability and Compensation for Oil Pollution) (Amendment) Bill 2003	17.4.2003	7.5.2003	21.5.2003

⁺ indicates that Bills Committee has been formed for the Bill

[@] Bill passed with Committee Stage Amendment(s) moved by the Government

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^{*} Member's Bill

Motion Debates Held

Date of Council Meeting, Subject and Mover

9 October 2002

"Expediting the implementation of the Northern Link" moved by

Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong

amendment moved by

Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

9 October 2002

"Solving the problem of unemployment" moved by

Hon TAM Yiu-chung

amendment moved by Hon WONG Sing-chi

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Wording of Motion and Result

The motion as amended by Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip: "That, as the Government's proposed implementation programme for the Northern Link (linking the West Rail to Lok Ma Chau via San Tin) has failed to keep up with the rapid development of the North-West New Territories, this Council urges the Government to expedite the implementation of the Northern Link, so that the public can have direct access to the Lok Ma Chau boundary crossing by the West Rail; moreover, in order to ensure the cost-effectiveness of operating the Northern Link, the Government must expedite the implementation of the land and town development plans along the Northern Link." was carried

The original motion: "That, in view of the high unemployment rate in Hong Kong, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously formulate an 'economic development strategy that gives priority to employment', and to promptly adopt various measures to solve the serious problem of unemployment; the measures should include:

- (a) reviewing and abolishing outdated policies and restrictions which are detrimental to business operations and the setting up of businesses by members of the public, so as to improve the local business environment;
- (b) examining the adjustment of taxation and land policies with a view to attracting enterprises to invest in Hong Kong;
- (c) assisting the development of small and medium-sized enterprises and various industries in Hong Kong, and optimizing the brand name of 'made in Hong Kong', so as to enhance the competitiveness of local products;
- (d) expediting the improvement and construction of various crossborder links to facilitate commercial activities between Guangdong Province and Hong Kong and attract more Mainland visitors;
- (e) promoting vigorously the development of the logistics industry, assisting the industry in enhancing the efficiency of the logistics services and extending the sources of cargo;
- (f) promoting the development of the local community economy and stepping up the clampdown on the employment of illegal workers;
- (g) expediting the implementation of various large-scale infrastructural and community facilities projects; and
- (h) allocating more training resources and encouraging enterprises to provide on-the-job training, so as to upgrade the skills of the working population at large and enhance the competitive advantage of Hong Kong."

was carried.

16 October 2002

"Expectations for the implementation of policies" moved by

Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming

16 October 2002

"Terminal handling charges" moved by Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou

23 October 2002

"'Local Agenda 21' and sustainable development" moved by Hon CHOY So-yuk

23 October 2002

"Reducing transport fares" moved by **Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo**

amendment moved by Hon LAU Kong-wah

amendment to amendment moved by Hon WONG Sing-chi

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion: "That this Council urges the Government to consider seriously the expectations of the Members of this Council for the 2003 Policy Address." was carried.

The motion: "That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously study the specific impact of the persistently high terminal handling charges on the local economy, and to strive to have those charges reduced to a reasonable level." was carried.

The motion: "That this Council urges the Government to actively respond to the spirit of the Earth Summits convened by the United Nations on sustainable development in 1992 and 2002 and to expeditiously implement the relevant agreements on sustainable development, including formulating and implementing strategies for sustainable development, a 'Local Agenda 21' and action plans; to this end, the Government should set up the Council for Sustainable Development as soon as possible, commence dialogues with different sectors of society, including non-governmental organizations, District Councils, local groups and private organizations, so as to work out a package of specific strategies, agendas, goals and timetables that suit local circumstances, provide sufficient resources, devise a mechanism for public participation, implement action plans, and to report to the public regularly on the progress and achievements of its work." was carried.

The original motion: "That, in view of the enormous transport expenses borne by the public, this Council urges the Government to discuss with various public transport operators with a view to reducing expeditiously the fares of transport services and, at the same time, establishing a fare adjustment mechanism, so as to alleviate the burden on people's livelihood." and the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.

30 October 2002

"Transport needs of people with disabilities" moved by

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

30 October 2002

"Developing renewable energy resources" moved by

Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong

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Wording of Motion and Result

The motion: "That, as existing public transport services are unable to meet the needs of people with disabilities for integrating into society and for travelling to work and to seek medical treatment, etc., this Council demands that the Government:

- (a) urge various public transport operators to offer half fare concessions to people with disabilities;
- (b) press various public transport operators to improve their facilities so as to reduce barriers to people with disabilities; and
- (c) improve the Rehabus service."

was carried.

The motion: "That, with the signing of the Kyoto Protocol and the international agreements reached at the Earth Summit by China, Hong Kong, as a special administrative region of China, has the responsibility to implement the commitments in these agreements, particularly the use of renewable energy resources and the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions; to this end, the Government should expeditiously formulate and implement the policy on renewable energy development so as to achieve the objectives in energy resources, environmental protection and economic aspects; the implementation of strategies for renewable energy resources should include:

- (a) increasing the use of renewable energy resources and setting a practicable target in this regard;
- (b) formulating corresponding legislation and administrative framework to facilitate the research and development and application of renewable energy resources;
- (c) providing support and incentives to promote the scientific and technological research and market development of renewable energy resources;
- (d) incorporating the policy on renewable energy resources into town planning and urban development strategies and making it one of the key factors to be taken into account;
- (e) collaborating actively with the Pearl River Delta authorities and the Guangdong Provincial Government in studying the feasibility of developing and introducing renewable energy resources; and
- (f) promoting education, professional training and publicity, with a view to enhancing the public's understanding of renewable energy resources and their application skills."

was carried.

Subject and Mover

Date of Council Meeting,

6 November 2002

"Developing offshore fishing industry" moved by

Hon WONG Yung-kan

6 November 2002

"Emissions trading" moved by *Hon CHOY So-yuk*

13 November 2002

"Reducing electricity and gas tariffs" moved by **Hon Fred LI Wah-ming**

amendment moved by

Hon NG Leung-sing

13 November 2002

"Ageing of the population" moved by *Hon TAM Yiu-chung*

amendments moved by

Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion: "That, as Hong Kong's inshore fishing industry has been wilting continuously in recent years as a result of dwindling marine resources in the South China Sea, the livelihood of fishermen engaging in capture fishery has been seriously affected; moreover, many coastal countries or areas in the world have been actively developing offshore fishing for more than a decade, and a consultancy study on the feasibility of offshore fishing commissioned earlier by the Government has also concluded that Hong Kong has the potential for developing offshore fishing, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously formulate a policy on developing offshore fishing, including the provision of technical support, loan arrangements, manpower training and liaison with the relevant overseas and Mainland authorities, so as to ensure the restructuring of the local fishing industry towards offshore fishing, thereby keeping in tune with the direction of China's fishing policy and enhancing the international status of Hong Kong's fishing industry." was carried.

The motion: "That this Council urges the Government to embark on, as soon as possible, a study on the feasibility of implementing emissions trading in Hong Kong or jointly with the neighbouring territories, and to implement as far as possible specific pilot schemes to ascertain whether conditions exist in the region for adopting emissions trading as a means to control the total volume of emissions." was carried.

The original motion: "That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously discuss with the two power companies and Town Gas and encourage them to take account of their respective operating conditions and reduce their tariffs or offer concessions to users, thereby alleviating the burden on the public and the commercial and industrial sectors." was carried.

The original motion: "That, in view of the ageing of the population in Hong Kong, this Council urges the Government to respond to the changes in the population profile and actively take the lead in promoting a proper perspective on ageing; encourage the public and private sectors to make the best use of the knowledge and experience of senior citizens; promote 'lifelong learning' among the elderly; improve town planning and the design of public facilities and housing to create a 'barrier-free' environment; provide sound primary health care services; promote a positive and healthy lifestyle; as well as encourage the commercial sector to establish an 'elderly-friendly' service culture, thereby creating a favourable social environment for present and future senior citizens to keep on giving full play to their abilities." was carried.

20 November 2002

"Developing elevated pedestrian walkway systems" moved by

Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong

amendment moved by

Hon IP Kwok-him

amendment to amendment moved by

Dr Hon YEUNG Sum

27 November 2002

"Teaching in small classes" moved by

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

amendment moved by

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan

27 November 2002

"The public's mental health" moved by Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

Wording of Motion and Result

The original motion: "That this Council urges the Government to adopt the 'pedestrian priority' principle and conduct a territory-wide review of elevated pedestrian walkway systems, with a view to developing, at suitable locations, elevated pedestrian walkway systems that have sight-seeing value, are well-connected and have special features, and to improving the environment for pedestrians as well as facilities to complement shopping arcades and transport services; to co-ordinate the development of elevated pedestrian walkway systems, the Government should also formulate policies, design codes and specific measures to achieve the goals of improving street-side air quality, minimizing vehicle-pedestrian scrambles and providing barrier-free facilities, thereby enhancing pedestrian safety and the quality of the environment for walking." and the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.

The original motion: "That, as the number of children of school age has been decreasing in recent years and it is the golden opportunity now for reducing the class sizes in primary and secondary schools, this Council urges the Government to implement, in a gradual and orderly manner and complementing with relevant teacher training, 'teaching in small classes' in each grade of primary and secondary schools on a one-grade-per-year basis so as to achieve the ultimate target of 25 students per class, with a view to enhancing teaching efficacy, improving teacher-student relationship and providing counselling and teaching according to students' individual needs, thereby improving the quality of basic education and fulfilling the expectations of society and parents." and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.

The motion: "That, as Hong Kong's economy remains in the doldrums, with incessant layoffs and pay cuts whilst there has been no real improvement in the negative equity situation, the mental stress on the public has increased tremendously, this Council urges the Government to face up to the mental health of the public and adopt the following measures:

- (a) to comprehensively promote mental health education among all members of the public;
- (b) to strengthen professional training on mental health for frontline health care personnel; and
- (c) to establish a proper triage mechanism for new cases of people seeking treatment at the psychiatric specialist outpatient departments of the Hospital Authority, so that appropriate professional services can be expeditiously provided to them."

was carried.

4 December 2002

"Desalination" moved by **Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah**

amendment moved by

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

4 December 2002

"Maintaining infrastructural investments" moved by

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai

amendment moved by

Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

11 December 2002

"The 70% ceiling for residential mortgage loans" moved by

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun

amendment moved by

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Wording of Motion and Result

The original motion: "That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously mobilize scientific and technological personnel and provide funding for research on the latest desalination technology and equipment, with a view to solving in the long run the problem with the source of potable water for Hong Kong and easing the resultant financial burden, and facilitating the development of the desalination equipment manufacturing industry, as well as promoting economic development." and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.

The original motion: "That, as the local economy remains in the doldrums and the unemployment rate is high, this Council urges the Government to adhere to its commitment to infrastructural investments, and to invest in the coming five years an amount no less than the total funding of about \$147 billion earmarked for public works projects, i.e. an average annual expenditure of around \$29.4 billion for the period 2002-03 to 2006-07, as stated in the Financial Secretary's letter dated 17 October 2002 to the Chairman of this Council's Public Works Subcommittee; furthermore, in reviewing the allocation of resources for public works projects, the Government should not only focus on the economic benefits generated by the projects concerned, but must also take into account their social benefits, as well as their effectiveness in stimulating the economy and providing more employment opportunities." was carried.

The original motion: "That, as the Government has introduced measures to stabilize the property market, secondary residential property prices have fallen by about 62% from their peak in 1997 and the public's ability in making property loan repayments has increased by about 73% in the same period, thereby considerably reducing the risk of defaults on mortgage loan, this Council asks the Government to adopt measures to assist needy mortgage applicants in securing more conveniently and speedily loans in excess of 70% of the value of their properties, including improving the conditions and procedures for vetting and approving applications under the mortgage insurance scheme or relaxing the guideline for banks on the 70% ceiling for residential mortgage loans, with a view to boosting property transactions, stabilizing the property market, easing deflation and reviving the economy." was carried.

11 December 2002

"Enacting laws to implement Article 23 of the Basic Law" moved by

Hon James TO Kun-sun

amendment moved by

Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun

18 December 2002

"Culture and Heritage Commission Consultation Paper 2002" moved by Hon MA Fung-kwok

18 December 2002

"Implementing the International Labour Convention" moved by

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

15 January 2003

"Motion of Thanks" moved by

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG

Shuk-yee

amendment moved by **Dr Hon YEUNG Sum**

22 January 2003

"Assisting low-income earners and the poor elderly" moved by

Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Wording of Motion and Result

The original motion: "That this Council considers that enacting laws according to the proposals in the 'Consultation Document on Proposals to implement Article 23 of the Basic Law' will reduce the rights and freedoms enjoyed by the people of Hong Kong and damage the rule of law and 'One Country, Two Systems'." and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.

The motion: "That this Council notes the Culture and Heritage Commission Consultation Paper 2002." was carried.

The motion: "That, although the Committee on Freedom of Association of the International Labour Organization (ILO) has, for five times, requested the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to put in place, in accordance with the Right to Organize and Collective Bargaining Convention (International Labour Convention No. 98), objective procedures for determining the representative status of trade unions for the purpose of facilitating and promoting collective bargaining, the Government has so far not taken any concrete actions in response, this Council urges the Government to respect the ILO's interpretation of the International Labour Convention and expeditiously implement the Committee's recommendation." was negatived.

The original motion: "That this Council thanks the Chief Executive for his address." and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.

The motion: "That, as the current economic and employment situations remain acute, and low-income earners and the poor elderly who are not receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance are very hard up, this Council urges the Government to provide them with different forms of assistance or allowances in transport, medical, housing and education services, etc., so as to improve the livelihood of these people and their families and relieve the pressure on them." was carried.

22 January 2003

"Promoting the use of English in Hong Kong" moved by

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee

12 February 2003

"First Report of the Select Committee" moved by

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee

amendment moved by

Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

amendment to amendment moved by Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

12 February 2003

"Policy on heritage preservation" moved by *Hon LAU Ping-cheung*

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion: "That, as English is one of the two official languages in Hong Kong under the Basic Law, and in order to strengthen Hong Kong's position as Asia's world city, this Council urges the Government to adopt measures to promote the use of English with a view to maintaining its importance and improving its standard in Hong Kong." was carried.

The motion as amended by Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee and further amended by Hon Albert HO Chun-yan: "That this Council endorses the First Report of the Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units, and demands that the Government impose appropriate punishment on those officials who should be held responsible for the incidents." was carried.

The motion: "That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously formulate a comprehensive policy on heritage preservation so that relics of historical value can be duly preserved; the policy should include:

- (a) protecting buildings of conservation value by bringing them into the ambit of the mechanism for declaration of monuments;
- (b) providing incentives or setting up a reasonable compensation mechanism to encourage owners of cultural relics to carry out the necessary maintenance and repairs to the relics; and
- (c) devising a comprehensive mechanism for promoting the preservation of monuments so that historical buildings can be reused upon restoration for purposes compatible with their former functions, so as to revive the original characteristics of the buildings."

was carried.

19 February 2003

"The 2003-04 Budget" moved by **Dr Hon YEUNG Sum**

amendments moved by

Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee

19 February 2003

"Public consultation on constitutional reforms" moved by

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

amendment moved by

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Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong

amendment to amendment moved by

Hon LAU Ping-cheung

26 February 2003

"Opposing cutbacks in welfare benefits" moved by

Hon WONG Sing-chi

26 February 2003

"Compendium of Submissions on the Consultation Document on Proposals to Implement Article 23 of the Basic Law" moved by

Hon SIN Chung-kai

amendments moved by
Hon Howard YOUNG
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion as amended by Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung and Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee: "That this Council demands the Government, when formulating the 2003-04 Budget, to take account not only of the need to tackle the huge deficits, but also of the hardships faced by the public, and not to raise tuition fees, not to increase the government fees and charges that affect people's livelihood, not to cut spending across the board on government services, not to reduce the rates of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance across the board, and not to introduce tax increases targeted at the grass roots and the middle class, as well as not to increase the government fees and charges that affect the business environment, not to abolish the concessionary duty rate for ultra low sulphur diesel and not to increase the duty on petrol." was carried.

The original motion: "That, as the Executive Authorities have undertaken in the Policy Agenda to begin to make suitable preparations for the review of constitutional developments after 2007, this Council urges the Administration to conduct as soon as possible a public consultation on constitutional reforms." and the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.

The motion: "That this Council opposes cutbacks in welfare benefits for the elderly, the vulnerable and the disabled." was carried.

The original motion: "That this Council condemns the authorities for compiling the Compendium of Submissions in respect of the enactment of laws to implement Article 23 of the Basic Law in a slipshod, incomplete and inequitable manner, distorting the views expressed by the public and organizations, and urges the authorities to commission an independent organization to analyze and summarize the views expressed by the public on the various proposals in the Consultation Document and to ensure that public opinions are fully and properly reflected and addressed." and the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.

12 March 2003

"Medical fee waiver mechanism" moved by **Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee**

amendment moved by

Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung

amendments to amendment moved by Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

12 March 2003

"Legislating against racial discrimination" moved by

Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee

19 March 2003

"Opposing war" moved by Hon CHAN Kwok-keung

amendment moved by

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

19 March 2003

"Small and medium enterprises funding schemes" moved by

Hon HUI Cheung-ching

amendment moved by

Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen

Wording of Motion and Result

The original motion: "That, as the Government will introduce very shortly a new charging scheme for public health care services and, in parallel, enhance the existing medical fee waiver mechanism, this Council urges the Government to relax the eligibility criteria under the mechanism so as to benefit more people from the socially disadvantaged groups, such as elderly persons, low-income earners and chronic patients." was carried.

The motion: "That this Council urges the Government to adopt the recommendations of the relevant United Nations committees and expeditiously legislate against racial discrimination to ensure that new arrivals from the Mainland and ethnic minorities in Hong Kong can enjoy equal opportunities in such areas as education, employment and access to social services." was carried.

The motion as amended by Hon Albert HO Chun-yan: "That this Council opposes the waging of war on Iraq by the United States of America and other countries without the consent of and authorization from the United Nations Security Council, and urges our country to ask the United Nations Security Council to convene an urgent meeting in order to stop the United States of America and other countries from waging war on Iraq." was carried.

The motion as amended by Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen: "That, as the Government has launched the enhanced small and medium enterprises (SMEs) funding schemes, this Council urges the Government, under the premise of ensuring that the funding schemes will not be abused, to extensively publicize the schemes and strengthen cooperation with various trades and industries and professional organizations and to adopt a more flexible vetting and approving approach, so as to enable SMEs in a wider range of trades and industries to obtain timely and effective support." was carried.

30 April 2003

"The whole community battling against adversity" moved by

Hon LAU Kong-wah

amendments moved by
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion as amended by Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung, Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong and Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung: "That this Council expresses gratitude to the medical and health care personnel, frontline cleansing workers in Hong Kong and all organizations taking part in the battle against atypical pneumonia for their tireless efforts and whole-hearted contribution, and calls on the whole community to carry on with the concerted and positive spirit in its battle against atypical pneumonia, in order to cope with the current acute situation; as the numbers of infections and deaths remain persistently high, and the infections among medical and health care personnel are particularly worrying, the epidemic has already posed a threat to the very survival of Hong Kong, this Council urges the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government to accord top priority to the task of tackling atypical pneumonia; to take all practicable measures to contain the epidemic; to increase the strength of the measures to rescue the market and alleviate people's hardship so that industries and trades hard hit by the outbreak of atypical pneumonia and the employees thus affected will be given concrete and sufficient assistance; to allocate additional resources for purchasing protective gear for medical and health care personnel and cleansing workers to fight the epidemic, and for providing the poor with the basic necessities for epidemic prevention; and to vigorously promote health and hygiene activities with a view to enhancing the physical and mental health of residents; at the same time, this Council demands that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government urge the Central People's Government to oblige local governments at various levels to honestly disclose information on the epidemic situation in various places and enhance the exchange of information and cooperation with the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government; this Council also urges the Government to take decisive measures and allocate additional resources for the deployment of more medical and health care personnel in the public sector to fight the epidemic; to take comprehensive measures to stop the further spread of the epidemic through passenger movements to and from the territory; to improve the maintenance and management of buildings; to employ more staff to promote health education and public hygiene work; and to provide support and information for educational institutions, education workers and ethnic minorities, etc., with a view to strengthening the immunization efforts, as well as to establish a research fund in order to further understand and control the epidemic." was carried.

30 April 2003

"Labour Day" moved by **Hon LAU Chin-shek**

amendment moved by

Hon LEUNG Fu-wah

amendment to amendment moved by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

7 May 2003

"Vote of no confidence in the Financial Secretary" moved by **Hon Margaret NG**

7 May 2003

"Atypical pneumonia dealing a blow to Hong Kong's economy" moved by

Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin

14 May 2003

"Calling for the resignation of the Chief Executive, Mr TUNG Chee-hwa" moved by Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion as amended by Hon LEUNG Fu-wah and further amended by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo: "That, on the eve of Labour Day on 1 May, this Council urges the Government to ensure that all workers in Hong Kong enjoy reasonable and lawful labour rights and, in line with the recommendations of the International Labour Organization, to adopt the promotion of rights at work, employment, social protection and social dialogue as its strategic objectives; at the same time, this Council calls on the Government and people from all walks of life to make concerted efforts, care for each other and build a more harmonious labour relationship, through enhancing the consciousness of the need to safeguard labour rights." was carried.

The motion: "That this Council has no confidence in the Financial Secretary, Mr Antony LEUNG." was negatived.

The motion: "That, as the atypical pneumonia epidemic has dealt a severe blow to Hong Kong's business environment and international image and caused a worsening of the unemployment rate, this Council urges the Government, under the premise of ensuring that the prime task of battling against the epidemic is carried through, to conduct an in-depth assessment of the impact of the epidemic on the local economy and the Government's finances, and to actively work out strategies with various industries and trades with a view to promptly launching a series of effective measures that can turn crises into opportunities, assist the community in tiding over the difficult times, and expeditiously restore the confidence of the public, tourists, investors and the international community in Hong Kong." was carried

The motion: "That this Council calls for the resignation of the Chief Executive, Mr TUNG Chee-hwa." was negatived.

14 May 2003

"Exploring new areas of co-operation between Hong Kong and Guangdong" moved by Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen

21 May 2003

"Expeditiously implementing the election of the Chief Executive and all Members of the Legislative Council by universal suffrage" moved by

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

21 May 2003

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"Independence of statutory organizations handling public complaints" moved by Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

amendment moved by Hon CHOY So-yuk

28 May 2003

"The 4 June incident" moved by Hon SZETO Wah

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion: "That, as the Chief Executive has stated in this year's Policy Address that Hong Kong and Guangdong should, with the common goal of achieving a major modernised economic region, raise and speed up the level of co-operation in exploring new areas of common interests where there is room for enhanced co-operation, this Council urges the Government to actively consult various industrial, commercial and professional sectors on the relevant subjects and expeditiously put forward feasible proposals and implementation timetables." was carried.

The motion: "That this Council demands that the Basic Law be amended so as to expedite the full implementation of the election of the Chief Executive and all Members of the Legislative Council by universal suffrage." was negatived.

The original motion: "That this Council urges the Government to ensure the independence of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Office of The Ombudsman, the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data." and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.

The motion: "That this Council urges that: the 4 June incident be not forgotten and the 1989 pro-democracy movement be vindicated." was negatived.

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Date of Council Meeting, Subject and Mover

28 May 2003

"Clean Hong Kong" moved by **Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung**

amendment moved by

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

11 June 2003

"Resumption of private streets" moved by *Hon IP Kwok-him*

amendments moved by

Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU

Yau-fun

Hon James TO Kun-sun

11 June 2003

"Asia's World City" moved by

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him

amendment moved by

Dr Hon YEUNG Sum

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion as amended by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming: "That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously draw up a set of cross-sector and sustainable framework and strategies to reorganize and enhance the environmental hygiene improvement measures of the relevant government bureaux and departments, which should include:

- (a) amending the relevant legislation to raise the penalty level for spitting in public places and to include the performance of community services as one of the penalties;
- (b) resolving the problem of domestic waste disposal in the public housing estates in the territory; and
- (c) reviewing the effectiveness of the existing Anti-rodent and Anti-mosquito Campaigns, and implementing anti-cockroach campaigns in various districts;

and to pool the efforts of various sectors of the community, including the business and education sectors, professional bodies, District Councils and non-government organizations, to mobilize the participation of all citizens to ensure that Hong Kong becomes a clean and hygienic metropolis." was carried.

The motion as amended by Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun: "That, as the fragmented ownership of many of the private streets in the territory has given rise to poor management of such streets, resulting in their facilities falling into disrepair and sewers bursting, thereby creating breeding grounds for viruses and posing hazards to public health, this Council urges the Government to re-formulate the policy direction for private street resumption and amend the relevant legislation, so as to provide the relevant policy bureaux with sufficient powers and resources to adopt decisive measures to effect the expeditious resumption of all the private streets under the original Private Street Resumption Programme which are still beset with problems of environmental hygiene and poor management, with a view to fully resolving the various problems arising from private streets, thereby improving the environment of the community and enhancing people's quality of life." was carried.

The motion as amended by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum: "That, as the Government has proposed to position Hong Kong as 'Asia's World City', this Council urges the Government to fully evaluate and assess Hong Kong's current economic and social conditions, comprehensively review the policies and strategies relevant to Hong Kong's position as an international city, promote the building of a more democratic, human rights-respecting, equitable, open, tolerant, receptive and innovative city image, and reinforce and enhance Hong Kong's international status, so as to make Hong Kong truly 'Asia's World City'." was carried.

18 June 2003

"Thanks for the Central Government's support" moved by

Hon NG Leung-sing

amendment moved by

Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong

18 June 2003

"Revitalizing tourism and encouraging spending" moved by

Hon Howard YOUNG

amendment moved by

Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong

amendment to amendment moved by

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG

Shuk-yee

25 June 2003

"The 1 July march" moved by *Hon LEE Cheuk-yan*

25 June 2003

"Establishing a labelling system for genetically modified food" moved by

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

amendment moved by

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion as amended by Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong: "That this Council thanks the Central People's Government for its support to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in the battle against Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome; at the same time, this Council urges the Hong Kong Government and appeals to the people of Hong Kong to provide supplies and medical support to the various provinces and cities in the Mainland, and make concerted efforts to prevent the epidemic and minimize the losses caused to the Mainland by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome." was carried.

The motion as amended by Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong and further amended by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee: "That this Council urges the Government to step up co-operation with various trades and industries to encourage spending through actively supporting community activities such as 'We Love Hong Kong' that aim at reviving the economy, and to make its efforts in launching various types of promotional and publicity activities to attract more tourists to Hong Kong, so as to help revive the tourism industry; and with increasing passenger flow at various immigration control points, the Government should strengthen its quarantine measures on passengers from infected areas to prevent the spread of diseases, and at the same time deploy additional staff as appropriate to facilitate passenger movement, so as to maintain a smooth flow at the control points." was carried.

The motion: "That this Council appeals to all the people of Hong Kong to enthusiastically take part in 'The 1 July march to oppose the enactment of legislation to implement Article 23 of the Basic Law and strive for the return of political power to the people', and to continue to fight for building a democratic, prosperous and socially just Hong Kong." was negatived.

The original motion: "That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously establish a genetically modified food labelling system for prepackaged food products by adopting a 'voluntary first, and then mandatory' approach in order to safeguard consumers' right to know and to choose." was carried.

2 July 2003

"Fashion centre of Asia Pacific" moved by Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun

2 July 2003

"Mandatory inspection and maintenance of buildings" moved by

Hon LAU Ping-cheung

amendments moved by
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon IP Kwok-him

2 July 2003

Motion on Adjournment moved by **Dr Hon YEUNG Sum**

on the following issue:

"How Hong Kong should deal with the strong demands made by over 500,000 people on 1 July, so as to avoid Hong Kong sinking into a political crisis."

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion: "That this Council urges the Government to affirm the contributions of the textile and clothing industry to Hong Kong's overall economy, and to make early preparations in anticipation of the impending abolition of the textile quota system in 2005 and the forthcoming implementation of the 'Mainland/Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement' which may bring about new business opportunities or have impact in various respects; at the same time, the Government should also actively explore and formulate strategies, including setting up expeditiously a 'border industrial zone' and a 'fashion and design centre' to help Hong Kong develop into the 'Fashion centre of Asia Pacific', enhance the overall competitiveness of the industry and promote its growth, as well as to provide more employment opportunities, in particular those popular with young people, in Hong Kong." was carried.

The original motion: "That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously consult the public on the mandatory inspection of buildings, and introduce legislation thereafter to require owners of dilapidated buildings and buildings not complying with the standards prescribed under the Buildings Ordinance to engage competent persons to regularly inspect their buildings as well as carry out the necessary repairs, so as to ensure that the condition of such buildings meets building safety and environmental hygiene requirements and will not pose threats to the public." and the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.

9 July 2003

"Mainland/Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement" moved by

Hon CHAN Kam-lam

9 July 2003

"Accountability system for principal officials" moved by

Dr Hon YEUNG Sum

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion: "That, as the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the Central Government have signed the 'Mainland/ Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement', which provides market development opportunities for Hong Kong's manufacturing and service industries, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously formulate relevant measures, such as streamlining various licensing procedures and enhancing intellectual property protection, in order to improve the business environment and attract more enterprises to invest in Hong Kong; this Council also urges the Government to expand its support network in the Mainland for Hong Kong enterprises and assist Hong Kong businessmen in strengthening their promotion and publicity efforts in Mainland cities, so as to enable Hong Kong enterprises to make full use of the business opportunities brought about by the above Arrangement, thereby creating more employment opportunities and improving the economy." was carried.

The motion: "That this Council considers that the accountability system for principal officials introduced by the Chief Executive, Mr TUNG Chee-hwa, is neither democratic nor accountable, and is a failed system." was negatived.

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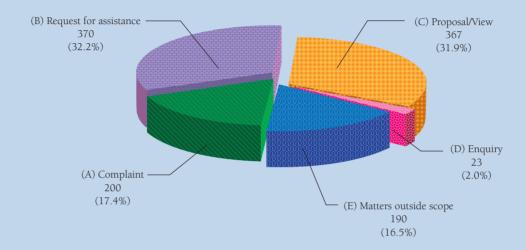
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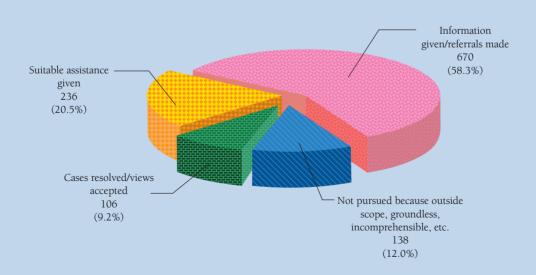
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Nature and Outcome of Cases Concluded (1 October 2002 – 30 September 2003)

Nature of concluded cases

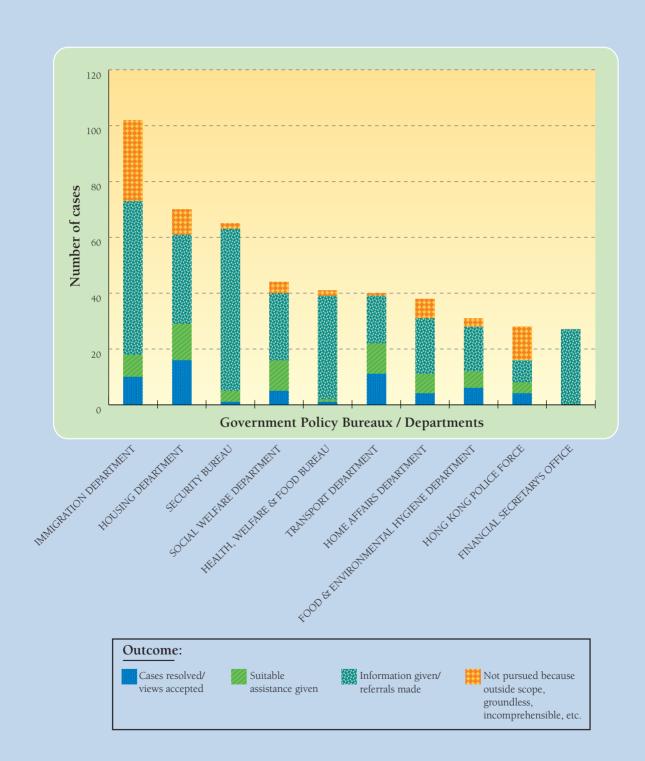


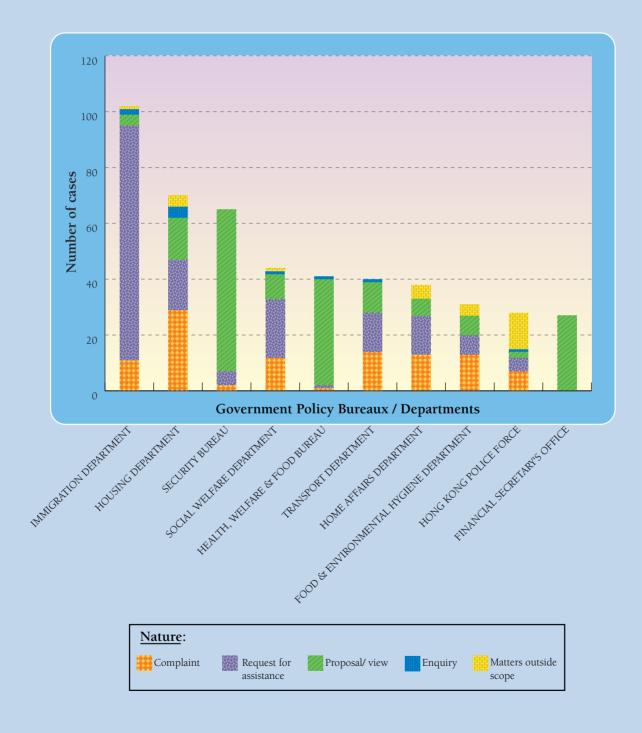
Overall outcome of concluded cases



Statistical Breakdown of

Concluded Cases by the Top Ten Government Policy Bureaux/Departments





Appendix 8 Redress Information System: Annual Statistics Report

(1 October 2002 – 30 September 2003)

Statistical breakdown, by Government policy bureaux/departments, independent organizations and non-government organizations, of concluded cases

Outcome

A : Cases resolved/views accepted
B : Suitable assistance given
C : Information given/referrals made
D : Not pursued because outside scope, groundless, incomprehensible, etc.

From 01-Oct-2002 to 30-Sep-2003

Nature :		Complaint		Rec	equest for assistance			Proposal/view			Enquiry			Matter outside s	cope	Total
Outcome :	A B	В С	D	A	В С	D	A	В С	D	A B	С	D	A	В	C D	
Government policy bureaux/departments																
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IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT	6 2	, 2	1	4	6 48	26		0 3	1	0 0	2	0	0	0	0 1	102
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SECURITY BUREAU	0 1	1	0	1	3 1	0	0	0 56	2	0 0	0	0	0	0	0 0	65
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SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT	0 5	0	1		6 8	2		0 9		0 0		0	0	U	U I	44
HEALTH, WELFARE & FOOD BUREAU	0 0) 0 /	1	0	0 1	0	1	1 35	1	0 0	1	0	0	0	0 0	41
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HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT	1 5	, 5	2	3	1 10	0	0	1 5	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0 5	38
FOOD & ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE DEPARTMENT	5 4	+ 4	0	1	2 4	0	0	0 7	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	1 3	31
HONG KONG POLICE FORCE	2 2	2	0		1 2	0		0 2		0 0		0	0	1	0 12	20
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EDUCATION & MANPOWER BUREAU	0 3	8 0	0	0	2 1	0	0	0 4	1	0 0	0	0	0	1	0 0	12
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The Legislative Council Commission and its Committees

The Legislative Council Commission

Terms of Reference

- To provide through the Secretariat administrative support and services to the Council;
- 2. To provide office accommodation to Members of the Council and staff of the Secretariat:
- 3. To supervise the operation of the Secretariat;
- 4. To produce an official report of all proceedings in the Council and in any committee of the whole Council; and
- 5. To perform such other duties as the Council may by resolution determine.

Membership

Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (Chairman)

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee (Deputy Chairman)

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

Hon NG Leung-sing

Hon Margaret NG

Hon HUI Cheung-ching

Hon Bernard CHAN

Hon Howard YOUNG

Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong

Hon Henry WU King-cheong

Hon IP Kwok-him

Committee on Personnel Matters

Terms of Reference

- To consider personnel matters including staffing resources, appointment, promotion, dismissal, grading, duties, remuneration and other terms and conditions of service of staff of the Secretariat which require the attention of the Commission;
- 2. To approve appointments including acting appointments with a view to promotion of officers at Chief Assistant Secretary level and above; and
- 3. To monitor progress of appointment and personnel matters delegated to the Secretary General.

Membership

Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (*Chairman*) Hon NG Leung-sing Hon Margaret NG Hon HUI Cheung-ching

Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong

Committee on Facilities and Services

Terms of Reference

- To consider the accommodation requirements of the Council and the Secretariat;
- To assess the needs of the Council and of individual Members for services and facilities for the conduct of Council business;
- 3. To formulate solutions for meeting needs identified at (1) and (2);
- 4. To consider financial matters relating to (1) to (3) above, and approve procurement of fixed assets costing above \$500,000 but not exceeding \$2,000,000; and
- To monitor the progress and developments relating to the above items.

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Hon Henry WU King-cheong

Hon IP Kwok-him

Committee on Members' Operating Expenses

Terms of Reference

- 1. To advise on administrative matters relating to Members' operating expenses; and
- 2. To review the Legislative Council Secretariat's decisions on Members' claims for operating expenses reimbursements.

Membership

Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (Chairman) Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

Working Group to Review the Organization and Structure of the Legislative Council Secretariat

Terms of Reference

To review the existing organization, structure, establishment and operational management procedures of the Legislative Council Secretariat for the provision of efficient and effective support to the Legislative Council and its committees.

Membership

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Task Force on New Legislative Council Building

Membership

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Organization Chart of the Legislative Council Secretariat

(as at 30 June 2003)

