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President's Foreword



"In my position as President of the Legislative Council, I sometimes face political pressures from all sides."

he 2003-2004 session was the last session in the Second Term of the Legislative Council. The year was eventful and

lively, and was dominated by issues relating to constitutional development and the SARS investigation.

During the year, I made 10 formal rulings on Council matters. These rulings sometimes generated criticism from both within and outside the Council. In my position as President of the Legislative Council, I sometimes face political pressures from all sides. But true to my promise, I have not made any compromise or evaded my duty to preserve the integrity of the Rules of Procedures. I also wish to state that my personal views and preferences do not influence my deliberations, and that I take into account all available information, arguments and relevant precedents in making my rulings.

I am happy to say that looking back, I find that Members appreciate my position and our working relationship has not been weakened. The 2003-2004 session was particularly busy for Members. Since it was the last session of the term, Members had to race against time to

examine bills before they lapsed at the end of the term.

During the year, 19 bills were introduced into the Council, 15 by the Government and four by Members. Together with 28 bills brought forward from the previous sessions, 47 bills were examined in the session, of which 37 were enacted and the remaining 10 bills lapsed.

Moreover, 179 items of subsidiary legislation were tabled in the Council for approval. The scrutiny of 167 items was completed, with nine of them amended on motions moved by Government officials. The remaining 12 items will continue to be scrutinized in the new session of the Third Term of the Legislative Council.

In regard to subsidiary legislation which required the approval of the Council by resolution, Government officials moved a total of 25 motions to either make or amend subsidiary legislation during the session. All of them were passed.

During the session, two select committees were in action, setting a record in Legislative Council history.

The Select Committee to Inquire into the Handling of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Outbreak by the Government and the Hospital Authority tabled its report on 7 July 2004 after holding 30 open hearings in nine months to obtain evidence from 73 witnesses.

The Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units released its second report on 19 May 2004, following the first report tabled in the Council 16 months ago. The work of the Select Committee spanned more than three years and cost \$16 million, the most expensive investigation by the Legislative Council so far.

The relationship between the Government and the Legislature remained strained during the year. Although top officials attended Legislative Council meetings more frequently, no fundamental improvement was apparent. I feel that the tense situation is due to a lack of mutual trust between Members and officials. Progress can only be made through attempts at achieving understanding and communication by the two parties.

Debates among Members were heated as usual. This is to be expected, as Members with different political beliefs naturally have varied views. As long as mutual respect is maintained, no matter how fiery the debates are, a cordial relationship between Members can still be maintained.

I am disappointed that up until now no decision has yet been made by the Government on the construction of a new Legislative Council Building. I can foresee that our accommodation problems will persist and worsen in the long term.

On a personal note, it was a great honour to have been elected by my fellow Members to preside over the Second Term of the Legislative Council. I am grateful to Members for their confidence and support during the years of my presidency. I would like to pay my tributes to Members for their effort and contribution. For those Members who have chosen not to run in the next election, I hope they will continue to contribute to the well-being of the community.

I also wish to record my appreciation for the hard work and support of the Secretariat staff in the past four years.

The Third Term of the Legislative Council will be elected this September. I am confident that Members in the new term will uphold this Council's tradition and carry out their duties to serve the best interests of the people of Hong Kong.

Rita Fan

President

Legislative Council

Group Photo of Members



From left to right:

Fist 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
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

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
(President's Deputy)
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**

Legislative Council Building Open Day



Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (centre), President of the Legislative Council, poses with Members before the Legislative Council Building Open Day opening ceremony. A total of 2,654 visitors toured the building during the event held on 29 November 2003.



Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, Chairman of the House Committee, tosses a "ribbon ball" to participants.



Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai joins visitors in Conference Room C.

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee (right) and Hon NG Leungsing demonstrate how the gong in the Ante-Chamber is used to summon Members to the Chamber before Legislative Council meetings start.









"Tour guide" Members brief visitors on the workings of the Legislative Council and facilities inside the Chamber: Hon James TIEN Pien-chun (a); Hon Henry WU King-cheong (b); Hon LAU Ping-cheung (c); Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee (d); Hon HUI Cheung-ching (e); Hon James TO Kun-sun (f); and Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee (g).













Visitors wait to be admitted to the Legislative Council Building.

Strengthening the Executive-Legislature Relationship

Spring Reception

A reception was hosted by Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council to celebrate the end of the Lunar New Year and the coming of Spring.



Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai shows media representatives the souvenirs and prizes she will present to the Spring Reception guests.

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming won the "The Funniest Clip in LegCo" election. The prize is accepted on his behalf by fellow Member Hon SIN Chung-kai from Mr TUNG Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive.





Ms Sarah LIAO, Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works, made a correct guess that Hon Fred LI Wah-ming would win the election. She accepts her prize from Mr TUNG Chee-hwa.



A media representative who surmised that Ms Sarah LIAO would correctly guess Hon Fred LI Wah-ming's victory also wins a prize.



Mr TUNG Chee-hwa, Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee (left photo) and Hon David LI Kwok-po (photo below) chat at the Spring Reception.



Lunch with Chief Executive, Executive Council Members and Senior Government Officials



Mr TUNG Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive, is greeted by Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee at a luncheon hosted by Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council.

Right photo: Mr TUNG Chee-hwa chats with Labour Constituency Members (from left) Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, Hon LI Fung-ying and Hon CHAN Kwok-keung. Photo below: Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai and Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing exchange pleasantries with Mr Henry TANG, the Financial Secretary.





Mr TUNG Chee-hwa converses with Hon Fred LI Wah-ming (left), Hon CHEUNG Mankwong (facing away) and Hon Dr Philip WONG Yu-hong (right) at a luncheon that was also attended by Executive Council members and senior Government officials.





Left photo: Mr TUNG Chee-hwa talks to Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, while (photo below) Mr Michael SUEN, Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (second on left), exchanges views with Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming (first on left) and Hon LAU Ping-cheung (third on left).



Farewell Dinner

A farewell dinner hosted by Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council, marked the end of the Council's Second Term and was attended by Chief Executive Mr TUNG Chee-hwa, Executive Council members, senior Government officials and fellow Legislative Council Members.



Are these caricatures a true likeness?





Exchanging views during the pre-dinner reception are (from left) Mr Timothy TONG, Commissioner of Customs and Excise, Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, Mr Andrew LIAO Cheung-sing, Executive Council member and Hon Henry WU King-cheong.

Media representatives on the LegCo "beat" present flowers to express their appreciation of the work of Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong and Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung who have announced that they would not be standing for re-election.



Other functions





Members have been donating blood to the Hong Kong Red Cross every year in the Legislative Council Building since 1988. Ten Members, including (clockwise from upper left) Hon CHOY So-yuk, Hon Howard YOUNG, Hon Fred LI Wah-ming and Hon MA Fung-kwok, joined 18 Secretariat staff and five members of the public in giving at the 5 May 2004 drive.







Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council, hosts an annual tea reception for representatives of six charity organizations. From left: Mrs CHEUNG NG Chui-yiu (Chairman, Pok Oi Hospital); Dr Henry AU YEUNG Cheuk-lun (Chairman, Lok Sin Tong); Mr CHAN Yiu-chong (Chairman, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals); Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai; Mr Henry TAN (Chairman, Po Leung Kuk); Mr Raymond LEE (Chairman, Yan Chai Hospital) and Mr Caecage SIU (Chairman, Yan Oi Tong).



Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU
Lai-tai and Legislative
Council Members pose
with representatives of
Yan Oi Tong.

LegCo Fun Day



Legislative Council Members, guests and reporters work together to reassemble a map of the People's Republic of China in the "Map Building Puzzles" competition.





Members are obviously having fun in the "Joyful Drinking Contest."



The Reporters Team triumphs over the Members Team in the "News Quiz" game.



The Members Team and Reporters Team in close battle in the "Feather Volleyball Competition."



LegCo's "12 Girls Band" performance "brings the house down".



The Liberal Party songsters perform an encouraging song to the people of Hong Kong.





The "Comic Dialogue Show" chatter between Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin (left) and Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong is well received.

The comedy of Hon Howard YOUNG's "One-man Talk Show" is enjoyed by the audience.



Former Member Mr Edward HO Sing-tin's performance on the Erhu is much admired.



Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin and Miss Ada WONG of the Oriental Daily News emceed this year's LegCo Fun Day.

Football Matches - No Mean Feet



The Legislative Council and Consuls-General teams pose for the camera.



Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council, kicks off for the Legislative Council versus Consuls-General match.



(From the top) Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo, Hon Henry WU Kingcheong and Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip give their best in the match, which ended in a 2-2 draw.





Prize presentation by Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai.



A spirited Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo in the match against the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals team. The Legislative Council and Tung Wah Group of Hospitals teams pose after their game, which was a 3-3 draw.





Mr Donald TSANG, the Chief Secretary for Administration, kicks off for the Legislative Council versus Senior Government Officials match.





(From the top) An energetic defence by Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat and interceptions by Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip and Hon Bernard CHAN effectively blocks the Senior Government Officials team attacks.



Legislative Council Team Captain Hon Bernard CHAN scores the only goal in the 1-0 match with the Senior Government Officials team. He holds the game trophy high in the air after the prize presentation.

The Legislative Council and Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) teams exchange pennants before their match.





Legislative Council and RTHK team members pose after their match, which ended in a 1-1 draw.

Fond Farewell



Members bid farewell to the media following the last meeting of the Second Term of the Legislative Council.

Chapter 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 twothirds 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 2003-2004 are in *Appendices 1 and 2* respectively.

Chapter 2 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 Legislative Council's website.

The business transacted at a regular Council meeting mainly comprises tabling of subsidiary legislation and other papers and reports; asking of questions for replies by the Government; consideration of bills; and debates on motions. During the period from October 2003 to July 2004, the Council held 36 meetings and sat for more than 289 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 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 2003 to July 2004, 179 items of subsidiary legislation were tabled in the Council. The scrutiny of 167 items was completed, with 9 of them amended by the Council through the passage of motions moved by Government officials. 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 annual reports of Government departments and public bodies, Government consultative documents, and reports of the Council's committees. Members and public officers presenting the papers 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 155 oral questions on a wide range of subjects at Council meetings, and followed up with 909 supplementary questions. Another 457 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 Chief Secretary for Administration made a statement on the Legislative Programme for the session at the Council meeting on 8 October 2003 and another statement on the Constitutional Development Task Force's visit to Beijing at the Council meeting on 11 February 2004; the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands made a statement on Government's policy on housing at the Council meeting on 15 October 2003 and the Financial Secretary made a statement on Hong Kong's economy and the management of public finances on 22 October 2003.

Personal Explanations

Members may make explanations of personal matters at Council meetings. During the period under report, a Member made a personal explanation at the Council meeting on 7 July 2004, concerning the premature disclosure of the Report of the Legislative Council Select Committee to inquire into the handling of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome outbreak.

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 the 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 then sits 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, 19 new bills were introduced and the Council completed proceedings on 37 bills, which were all passed. Of these bills, 27 were passed with amendments proposed by Government officials or Members. In addition, 10 bills which were introduced into the Council during the term lapsed upon the prorogation of the Council on 22 July 2004. The lists of the bills passed and those that lapsed are in *Appendices 3 and 3A* respectively.

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 25 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 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 a motion to invoke the Council's powers under Cap. 382 to order the attendance of witnesses and production of documents for the purposes of the select committee to inquire into the handling of the SARS outbreak by the Government and the Hospital Authority.

Policy Address Debate

The Chief Executive addresses the Council in every Legislative Council session on his policy proposals for administering the HKSAR. At a 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 for his Address (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 Address on 7 January 2004 and Members and Government officials debated the Motion of Thanks for three days on 4, 5 and 6 February 2004. The debate was divided into five debate sessions, each of which covered several related policy areas.



Mr TUNG Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive, delivered his Policy Address to the Legislative Council, emphasizing his Government's determination to continue improving its governance to gain the trust and support of the community.

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 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



Mr Henry TANG, the Financial Secretary, delivered his maiden Budget to the Legislative Council, saying that his public finance policy is based on the premise of "allowing the community to take a respite and build its strength," as expounded by Chief Executive Mr TUNG Chee-hwa.

Committee at its special meetings, the Appropriation Bill is brought back into the Council for consideration and decision. For the 2004-2005 Budget, the Financial Secretary



Mr Henry TANG explained his Budget's ramifications to a Finance Committee special meeting.



introduced the Appropriation Bill 2004 on 10 March 2004. The debate on the Budget took place on 21, 22 and 28 April 2004. The Appropriation Bill 2004 was passed on 28 April 2004. The Revenue Bill 2004, which contained revenue-related proposals announced in the 2004-2005 Budget, was passed on 12 May 2004. In addition, the Council also passed one resolution on 24 March 2004 to implement a proposal 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, 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 59 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. An adjournment debate, on the issue "Report by the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on whether there is a need to amend the methods for selecting the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2007 and for forming the Legislative Council

of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2008", which was proposed by Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, took place at the Council meeting commencing on 21 April 2004.

Chief Executive's Question and Answer Sessions

In the session, four meetings of the Council were held during which the Chief Executive answered questions put to him by Members. (Clockwise) Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai and Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung put questions to the Chief Executive during one of the Question and Answer sessions.





Mr TUNG Chee-hwa attended four Question and Answer sessions during the year, replying to a variety of enquiries from Members.



Chapter 3 Committees

I hrough a system of committees, Members perform the important 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 in 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 2003-2004 session, the Finance Committee held 14 regular meetings and examined a total of 52 items of proposals, including 16 items containing 77 proposals which had been considered and supported by its two subcommittees, namely the Establishment Subcommittee and the Public Works Subcommittee.

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, which consisted of 24 members, held six meetings and examined a total of 16 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, which consisted of 27 members, held 12 meetings and examined a total of 61 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 2003-2004 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 2004-2005 Estimates, the Finance Committee held a series of six special meetings consisting of 18 sessions from 29 March to 1 April 2004. Prior to the special meetings, the Financial Secretary briefed members on the 2004-2005 Budget, while the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury provided further information on the Estimates of Expenditure. 1,768 written questions were then put to the Government for written replies to facilitate deliberation at the special meetings. A total of 58 supplementary written questions and 18 verbal requests arising from the meetings were further put forward to the Government for additional information. Members were particularly concerned about the Government's efficiency initiatives to reduce operating expenditure, as well as the need to strengthen the control over contractors, particularly consultants, to ensure value for money.

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*.



The Public Accounts Committee's public hearings into the negative publicity and public concern over the financial arrangements and cost-effectiveness of the \$100-million Hong Kong Harbour Fest elicited testimonies from witnesses that included Mr Henry TANG, the Financial Secretary (inset, above), and Mr Mike ROWSE, Director-General of Investment Promotion (inset, below).



During the 2003-2004 session, the committee continued its study of three chapters in the Director of Audit's Report No. 40 relating to University Grants Committee funded institutions. It also examined the Director of Audit's Report on the Accounts of the Government for the year ended 31 March 2003 and the Reports on the Results of Value for Money Audits (Reports Nos. 41 and 42). The conclusions and recommendations of the committee are contained in Public Accounts Committee Reports Nos. 40A, 41 and 42, which were tabled in the Council on 19 November 2003, 25 February 2004 and 23 June 2004 respectively.

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 relating 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.

House Committee

The House Committee comprises all Members of the Council except the President. The



Mr Donald TSANG, the Chief Secretary for Administration, attended a House Committee special meeting to brief Members on the progress in implementing measures to improve environmental hygiene and on the business sector's involvement in political developments and policy-making.



members of the Committee 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 refer to the relevant panels for consideration any policy matters relating to the business of the Council. The House Committee may also consider, in such manner as it thinks fit, any other items 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 the Chief Secretary for Administration on a regular basis to discuss matters of mutual concern.

During the 2003-2004 session, a total of 30 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 long term accommodation for the Legislative Council, cooperation between Guangdong and Hong Kong, progress of the Constitutional Development Task Force, the business sector's involvement in political development and policy-making, and progress of measures to improve environmental hygiene in Hong Kong.

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 2003-2004 session -

- (a) Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee;
- (b) Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement;
- (c) Subcommittee to prepare for the appointment of the Select Committee to inquire into matters relating to the handling of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome outbreak by the Government and the Hospital Authority;
- (d) Subcommittee on juvenile justice system; and
- (e) Subcommittee to consider a mechanism for handling complaints and allegations concerning Members' Operating Expenses Reimbursement claims.

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*.

During the 2003-2004 session, the committee held a total of six meetings to study a wide range of subjects under the following categories: (a) review of the procedural arrangements of the Council; and (b) review of the procedures and working mechanisms of committees of the Council.

The committee presented eight reports to the House Committee recommending changes to current procedures. The committee also presented a report to the Council on 7 July 2004 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 from among its members. Government officials and members of the public may be invited to attend its meetings.

A bills committee considers the principles and merits of the bill concerned as well as its detailed provisions, and may propose amendments relevant to the bill. The Committee may appoint subcommittees to assist it in performing its functions. After a bills committee has

completed scrutiny of a bill, it notifies the House Committee and advises the committee in writing of its deliberations. The bills committee is dissolved on the enactment of the bill concerned or as decided by the House Committee.

During the 2003-2004 session, 28 bills committees completed their scrutiny work of the relevant bills and reported to the House Committee. Ten Government bills introduced into the Council will lapse at the end of the term.

There were also 17 subcommittees in the 2003-2004 session, which considered 23 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 LegCo 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. 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. To enhance the effectiveness of panels in scrutinizing such proposals, a series of measures agreed to the House Committee on the recommendation of the Committee on Rules of Procedure have been put into place to ensure early consultation with the panels so as to allow more thorough discussion.

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 from amongst its members. Memberships of the 18 panels in the 2003-2004 session and their subcommittees are shown in *Appendix 5*.

Panel on Manpower

Some members expressed doubt whether the implementation of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) would create employment opportunities for the local workforce. These members were of the view that with greater integration and traders moving their business to the Mainland as a result of CEPA, job opportunities for local workers would be adversely affected. They considered that the Government should have conducted a detailed assessment on CEPA's positive and negative impacts on local employment before the Agreement was signed. Members urged the Government to map out its strategies to bring



Led by Panel Chairman Hon LAU Chin-shek (front row, third from left), a delegation of the Panel on Manpower paid a duty visit to the Republic of Korea, where they met with representatives of the Ministry of Information and Communication. Briefings included the Korean government's IT-related policies and its role in encouraging the development of an IT work force.



Delegation members visited the Korea Culture and Contents Agency.

about local employment opportunities from CEPA. The Government undertook to conduct a quantitative analysis on the economic impact of CEPA, including its impact on local employment after the Agreement had been implemented for nine to 12 months.

Some members expressed concern about the low ratio of prosecution in respect of wage offences. These members considered that to deter wage offences, employers should be prosecuted once they were found to have violated the law, irrespective of whether conciliation was in progress. A member was of

the view that the crux of the problem was that the penalty was too light to have sufficient deterrent effect. Some members also suggested that a one-stop service for handling cases of arrears of wages should be provided by the Labour Department (LD), having regard to the existing complicated procedures. The Government advised that LD had studied the suggestion, but found that it might not necessarily expedite the wage claim process. The Government was reviewing whether the administrative procedures could be simplified and streamlined. The Government was also discussing with the Judiciary with a view to speeding up the process.

Regarding the implementation of a qualifications framework (QF), some members were concerned that it would have an adverse impact on the employment of senior workers with low educational attainment. These members considered that clear and comprehensive guidelines should be put in place to ensure that the introduction of QF would not cause any loss to the existing workers in terms of job security, wages and benefits. Since each industry would have its own requirements for skills and standards, some members considered that there should be a clear yardstick for making assessment.

Some members were of the view that tendering arrangements were not effective in preventing the exploitation of non-skilled workers by government service contractors. These members considered that a minimum wage should be set for workers engaged in projects or services contracted out by the Government. However, some other members opposed the setting of a minimum wage. At its meeting on 22 April

2004, the panel passed a motion urging the Government to adopt the average monthly salaries of selected occupations published by the Census and Statistics Department as the standard of minimum wage for workers engaged in projects or services contracted out by the Government. The Government then promulgated a new mandatory requirement for tender assessment of contracts for procuring government services. Members urged the Government to put in place an effective monitoring mechanism to ensure that the new mandatory requirement was fully met.

Panel on Commerce and Industry

The panel continued to monitor the implementation of CEPA and sought updates on the progress in the elimination of tariff for Hong Kong products imported to the Mainland and the liberalization in market access for service suppliers. To address members' concern about the direct and indirect impacts of CEPA, the Government undertook to attempt a quantitative analysis of the economic impact of CEPA, including that on local employment, nine to 12 months after its implementation. Some members further suggested that the Government should establish a high-level committee comprising Government representatives and business leaders to explore ways to maximize the opportunities brought about by CEPA.

The Government's policy and measures to improve the macro business environment were of major concern to the panel. Members agreed that economic policies should be based on the principle of "market leads, Government"

facilitates", but also stressed the importance for the Government to create an "enabling" environment which could facilitate the development and growth of the business and industrial sectors on their own initiatives. While welcoming the establishment of the Economic and Employment Council, some members suggested that the Government should set up an additional forum to tap creative ideas from other sources.

In view of the importance of foreign investment to Hong Kong, the panel was keen to ascertain the effectiveness of the investment promotion work undertaken by Invest Hong Kong. In response, the Government agreed to adopt an appropriate mechanism starting from 2005 to keep track of the development of those companies which had established their operations in Hong Kong for more than three years, with particular reference to any additional capital investment and creation of jobs. In examining the working relationship between Invest Hong Kong and the overseas Economic and Trade Offices, members urged the Government to ensure that there was no overlapping of work between them.

In examining the Innovation and Technology Fund and the Applied Research Fund, members expressed grave concern on the cost-effectiveness of both schemes and asked the Government to conduct a review and revert to the panel in due course. On the strategic framework for innovation and technology development proposed by the Government, the panel expressed support for the market-driven approach in order that research and development deliverables would be able to meet the needs of the industries.

During the session, the panel was consulted on a number of important financial proposals such as the funding and staffing proposal for Hong Kong to host the sixth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization in 2005 and the proposed \$250-million DesignSmart Initiative to promote innovation and design.

Panel on Public Service

The panel closely monitored the civil service initiatives put forward by the Government to reduce public expenditure, including those to contain the size of the civil service and to reduce expenditure on civil service pay and allowances. The panel urged that in the process of identifying savings and reducing surplus posts, the Government should ensure that the provision and quality of public service would not be unduly affected and that the deletion of posts would not be targeted at any particular grades or ranks. As regards the possible measures being considered by the Government to reduce the civil service establishment, the panel was assured that those measures did not include forced redundancy.

Following the passage of the Public Officers Pay Adjustments (2004/2005) Bill in December 2003, which provided for civil service pay adjustments for 2004 and 2005, the panel closely monitored the progress of the development of an improved pay adjustment mechanism and urged the Government to ensure that the improved mechanism would be in place in time for the implementation of the pay adjustment for 2006. On the proposed Pay Level Survey (PLS), the panel shared the concern of civil servants about how the results of PLS

would be applied to them. The panel stressed the need for extensive consultation before the Government made decisions on the issues relating to PLS.

The panel supported the Government's initiative to carry out a comprehensive review on all civil service allowances to ensure that the continued payment of the allowances was justified and compatible with present day circumstances. On the allowances which were provided to civil servants as fringe benefits under their terms of employment, the panel stressed that any proposed changes to this type of allowances should be lawful, reasonable and fair. The panel was assured that the Government would take full account of the legal, policy and other relevant considerations.

The panel examined the policies related to retired civil servants. On the policy governing the acceptance of employment by civil servants after retirement, the panel opined that a due process for handling the applications for postretirement employment was needed to maintain the impartiality of the mechanism, and that the granting of approval for such applications should be tightened up to safeguard public interests. At the panel's request, the Government agreed to review the existing mechanism to enhance its effectiveness and transparency. On the pension suspension policy for retired civil servants, the panel urged for a review of the exceptional pension arrangement under which the retired civil servants appointed as Principal Officials under the Accountability System were allowed to receive their pensions during their tenure as Principal Officials.

On the studies undertaken by five disciplined services on the potential for civilianization, the panel was concerned about the impact of civilianization on the overall establishment of the disciplined services grades and on the promotion prospects and the morale of the disciplined services staff. The panel urged the Government to conduct thorough staff consultation. As regards the review on remuneration of senior executives of ten selected bodies, the panel was concerned that the remuneration levels of the chief executives of the selected bodies, in particular, the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (CE/HKMA), were higher than those recommended by the consultant. Members requested the Director of Administration to convey their concern about the remuneration level of CE/HKMA to the Financial Secretary.

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

The review on the provision of legal aid service was one of the major areas of concern of the panel. The panel continued to call upon the Government to undertake a fundamental review on the setting of limits and criteria for determining eligibility for legal aid. Some members also considered that the feasibility of expanding the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme should be examined.

The panel closely monitored the progress of the review on the existing Professional Indemnity Scheme (PIS) undertaken by the Law Society of Hong Kong. The panel requested the Government to assume an active role in discussing with the Law Society the future PIS

and the means of implementing any modified scheme.

On matters relating to the Judiciary, the panel expressed concern that the independent operation of the Judiciary should not be subjected to executive interference or affected by budgetary constraints. The panel discussed matters relating to the use of official languages in court proceedings. Some members expressed the view that the wish of the defendants as to which language should be used in the proceedings should be the most important factor to be considered by the judge. Members made various suggestions relating to the improvement and effective monitoring of the performance of Court Interpreters. On fees payable by court users for transcripts of proceedings, members suggested that the Judiciary should consider providing copies of written judgment at an affordable fee and standardizing the fee-charging mechanism for both civil and criminal appeal cases.

Members were generally satisfied with the success rates of the three-year pilot scheme on family mediation launched by the Judiciary in May 2000. As regards the Resource Centre for Unrepresented Litigants, which commenced operation in December 2003, the panel suggested ways to improve the utilization of the facilities and services of the Centre. The panel welcomed the decision of the Judiciary to set up a Working Party to review the operation of the Labour Tribunal and would follow up the report of the Working Group in the next term.

The panel discussed the relevant issues arising from two cases which had generated wide public concern, namely, the approval given for Mr Michael WONG, a retired judge, to take up fulltime appointment as Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Commission without suspension of his pension, and the decision not to prosecute Mr Antony LEUNG Kam-chung, a former Financial Secretary, for his conduct in respect of purchasing a car in January 2003 shortly before the announcement of the Budget.

Panel on Home Affairs

Following a press conference held by Mr Patrick YU on 23 October 2003 regarding the termination of his employment as Director (Operations) by the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC), the panel held three special meetings to discuss the issues relating to the appointment and termination of employment of Mr YU, and the subsequent resignation of Mr Michael WONG as Chairperson of EOC, which attracted wide public and media attention.

On 12 November 2003 a weekly magazine published an article containing allegations against EOC and Ms Anna WU, a former Chairperson of EOC. Members considered that the series of incidents had adversely affected the credibility of EOC and unanimously agreed that the Chief Executive should be requested to appoint a commission of inquiry to investigate the incidents. In view of the Government's decision not to appoint a commission of inquiry, the panel proposed that a select committee should be appointed by the Council to inquire into the incidents, to examine the accountability of the persons concerned in that regard and to make recommendations on the restoration of credibility of EOC.

The House Committee, which considered the panel's proposal on 13 February 2004, decided that the Government should be asked once again whether it would appoint an independent committee or panel to look into the EOC incidents. On 15 May 2004, the Secretary for Home Affairs announced that he had appointed a three-member panel of inquiry to examine the incidents and report within nine months from the date of its appointment.

Following discussion of the results of a survey on Government advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) conducted by the Government in 2001, the panel suggested in March 2002 that the Government should undertake a comprehensive review on the ASB system and provide a report to the panel for further discussion. The Government provided three progress reports to the panel during the session. Three more interim reports would be provided to the panel, and the review was scheduled for completion by the end of 2004.

Members were particularly concerned about the situation of non-compliance with the six-year and six-board rules, as there were 1,695 cases breaching the six-year rule and 45 persons serving on more than six boards/committees. The Government undertook to closely monitor compliance with a view to bringing about improvements in the two areas.

In December 2003, the Government briefed the panel on the progress of measures implemented to address gambling-related problems. Members noted that apart from operating two pilot dedicated counselling and treatment centres for problem/pathological gamblers and their family members, Caritas and the Tung Wah Group would also organize educational

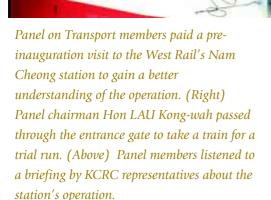
programmes for the general public on how to prevent and cope with gambling-related problems. The Government would make an evaluation two years after the implementation of authorized football betting and report the findings to the panel.

Panel on Transport

For the long-term development of the economy and the logistics industry, the panel considered that there was a pressing need for the Government to implement various projects to enhance the transport link between Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta region. The panel, however, was concerned about the resulting traffic impact on local transport networks. The panel called on the Government to plan ahead and seriously consider the provision of new transport infrastructure to meet the long-term traffic demand.

In November 2003, the Tuen Mun Road Traffic Incident Independent Expert Panel released its Report on Enhancement of Highway Safety. The panel received a briefing by the Expert Panel on its findings and recommendations. Separately, the panel also reviewed with the Government on a wide range of issues with a view to enhancing road safety. These issues included the implementation of speed enforcement camera system; review on highway design, speed limits, and vehicular parapet design; safe operation of public transport services; and registration scheme for the vehicle maintenance trade.

The panel was well aware of the public's concern about the level of public transport fares. Whilst noting the Government's plan to develop a



more objective and transparent process for public transport fare adjustment which would allow for increase as well as reduction in fares, the panel was very concerned about the slow progress in taking forward the proposed fare adjustment mechanism. The panel called on the Government to expeditiously discuss with various pubic transport operators to reduce the public transport fares and encourage public transport operators to co-operate in offering more joint concessions.

The panel noted the concerns expressed by bus, public light bus and taxi operators about the rapid proliferation of railway development in the territory, particularly those unviable projects which intended to serve as extension or feeder to existing railways. The panel considered that the Government should critically review the need, cost-effectiveness and financial viability of the planned railway projects, taking into

account the latest changes in land use planning, population size and other planning parameters as well as the roles of various modes in the public transport services system and their respective operating environment.

The panel also reviewed with the Government and the transport trades as to how co-ordination of public transport services could be rationalized and improved in order to better match demand and minimize wasteful competition and duplication of effort.

The panel formed a

subcommittee to oversee the development and implementation of railway projects in Hong Kong. During the session, the Subcommittee continued with its vigorous efforts in overseeing the planning and implementation of railway projects, and monitoring the reorganization of public transport services upon the opening of new railways.

Panel on Housing

The panel followed closely the disposal of the Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) flats, including Private Sector Participation Scheme (PSPS) flats, consequent upon the Government's decision to discontinue these schemes. Members welcomed the conversion of some 5,000 HOS flats into public rental housing units for allocation to applicants on the Waiting List since 2002. They also supported the conversion of 4,304 HOS flats into

departmental quarters for disciplined services. However, the disposal of Hunghom Peninsula PSPS flats aroused grave concern of the panel. The panel noted that through mediation, the Government had reached an agreement with the developer concerned to modify the Conditions of Sale to allow the 2,470 flats to be sold in the open market by the developer. The developer gave up its right to receive payment of a guaranteed purchase price of \$1,914 million from the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) and paid a premium of \$864 million to Government for the lease modifications. The amount of premium was criticized by the public as being too low. The panel examined the disposal arrangements, including the legal opinion on the disposal options and the valuation report on Hunghom Peninsula PSPS project, and urged the Government to dispose of the remaining Kingsford Terrace PSPS flats in a way which could best serve public interest.

As regards HA's decision to divest its retail and car-parking facilities through setting up a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT), the panel held several meetings and received 10 deputations. Members were concerned that the new company to manage the REIT might strive to maximize its profits by increasing the rents for retail and car-parking facilities, thereby resulting in a rise in the prices of commodities sold in retail facilities and a lack of tenure security. As some 650 civil servants would be affected by the divestment, members were also concerned about their job security. The Government was urged to maintain dialogue with the stakeholders and review whether it would be in the public interest for HA to retain a certain percentage of equity in the new company.

Following the Court ruling in July 2003 in favour of the applicants in the judicial review of the HA's decision to defer the rent review in 2000 and 2001, the panel called upon HA to conduct a rent review and adjust rent to comply with the statutory 10% median rent-to-income ceiling for public rental housing. When the Government put forward five rent adjustment options in March 2004, the panel deliberated the implications of the various options. Members noted the HA's decision, subject to the outcome of its appeal against the judgement, to adopt the option which would incur the least financial outlay, i.e. waiving the rent of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance households plus an across the board rent reduction of 10% for other households.

The panel raised strong objection to the proposal that metal gates would not be provided for domestic public rental housing flats. Members did not accept the Government's explanation that metal gates were not essential for security purpose. Members considered that metal gates were needed to enable tenants to keep their flats open for better ventilation and fostering neighbourliness. The panel passed a motion urging HA to continue to install metal gates for all public housing flats. Taking into account the panel's view, HA decided that metal gates would continue to be provided for new reception estates.

Panel on Security

Members expressed concern about a sharp increase of 61% in the number of illegal workers arrested in the first nine months of 2003 over that for the corresponding period in the

previous year. They queried whether the existing measures had any deterrent effect. Members asked the Government to provide information on the provinces from which arrested illegal workers came. The Government responded that it was not in a position to provide a statistical breakdown on their origin according to Mainland provinces or cities because it might affect future operations against illegal employment, and might result in visitors from some provinces or cities being inappropriately labelled.

Members queried why the Interception of Communications Ordinance (ICO), which was enacted on 28 June 1997, had not yet been brought into operation. According to the Government, the implementation of ICO in its current form would pose serious operational difficulties to law enforcement agencies and prejudice the security of Hong Kong. In view of this, the Chief Executive in Council decided on 8 July 1997 that ICO should not be brought into operation pending a review. The Government set up an interdepartmental working group in late 1999 to undertake a comprehensive review on the existing law, regulatory regime and related matters in relation to interception of communications. The panel was assured that the Government had no intention to delay indefinitely the review and would make every effort to submit its recommendations to the panel during the 2004-2005 session.

In July 2002, the Law Reform Commission (LRC) issued a report entitled "The Regulation of Debt Collection Practices". The panel was informed that the Government was carrying out a comprehensive study on issues relating to the

recommendations in the LRC Report. The result of the study would be made public, and public consultation on the way forward would be conducted. Members considered that there was an urgent need to implement the recommendations in the LRC Report, and suggested that they could be implemented in phases.

The panel noted that the Government's policy on integrity checking for the civil service was to ensure that potential and serving employees were of good character and high integrity. However, members were informed that integrity checking was a risk assessment tool and was not the sole factor for determining the suitability of an individual for appointment or promotion. Some members queried whether it was appropriate to appoint or promote a person irrespective of whether the integrity check was passed. To increase public's confidence in the system of integrity checking, members suggested that measures should be in place to ensure that the check was conducted independently.

Members were concerned whether the two cases of intimidation or violence against phone-in programme hosts in March 2004 were related to their public comments and, if so, would pose a threat to the freedom of speech in Hong Kong. Members were informed that the Police attached great importance to criminal acts against any public figures. On receiving reports of such cases, the Police would conduct careful and thorough investigation. The two cases concerned were still under investigation. So far, there was no evidence to suggest that they were related to the public comments made by the two public figures.

Panel on Constitutional Affairs

The most important and controversial subject considered by the panel in the current session was the review on the constitutional development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) after 2007. The panel was regularly briefed by the Constitutional Development Task Force (Task Force) on the progress of its work.

The panel discussed the issues of legislative process and principle in the Basic Law relating to constitutional development identified by the Task Force. Following the publication of the First Report of the Task Force on issues of legislative process, some members expressed utmost dissatisfaction that the prior consent of the Central Authorities was required for the HKSAR to initiate the legislative process, which was not a requirement stipulated in the Basic Law.

Pursuant to the interpretation of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPCSC) on the relevant provisions of the Basic Law on 6 April 2004, and the publication of the Second Report of the Task Force on issues of principle, the Chief Executive (CE) submitted a report to NPCSC, recommending that the methods for selecting CE and forming the Legislative Council (LegCo) ("electoral methods") be amended. While some members supported CE's report, other members did not. The latter group considered it unnecessary for CE to propose nine factors for considering how the "electoral methods" should be determined. The factors were tantamount to setting up barricades which hindered the implementation

of universal suffrage and hampered the development of democracy.

Some members expressed great disappointment at the NPCSC's decision, promulgated on 26 April 2004, to rule out universal suffrage in 2007 and 2008. They also considered that the NPCSC's decision to maintain the 50/50 ratio between Members returned by geographical constituencies and functional constituencies in 2008 did not accord with the principle of "gradual and orderly progress" in achieving the ultimate goal of universal suffrage.

The panel noted that the areas which might be considered for amendment in respect of the "electoral methods" were set out in the Third Report of the Task Force. The public was invited to put forward their views and specific proposals in respect of the "electoral methods" to the Task Force by 31 August 2004.

The panel discussed a number of matters relating to the 2004 LegCo election. Taking into account the views of members, the Government decided that the existing election expense limits should apply to the 2004 LegCo election. The Government also decided not to pursue further the proposal to use optical mark reader machines to count functional constituency votes. Members had divergent views on the proposed decentralized counting arrangement for geographical constituencies.

As a result of wide public concern about interference of Mainland officials and residents in the 2004 LegCo election, the panel discussed the adequacy of existing legislation to deal with the use of force or duress against electors with a view to influencing their voting behaviour, and

the use of camera-equipped mobile telephones for taking photographs inside polling stations. The panel requested the Government to consider strengthening publicity on the relevant legislative provisions which dealt with corrupt and illegal conduct, and implementing measures to protect secrecy of votes.

Following the District Council (DC) election in 2003, the panel discussed the appointed membership of the second term DC. Some members requested the Government to consider appointing a minimum number of DC members to respond to strong public demand for full democracy, as demonstrated by the voting results in the 2003 DC election. The panel noted that the Government would examine appointed membership in the context of the review to be conducted on the role, functions and composition of DCs.

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Following extensive outbreaks of avian influenza in the region in early 2004, the panel held a series of meetings with the Government to discuss measures to guard against an outbreak in Hong Kong. The panel noted that, in addition to the enhanced hygiene measures introduced since the last outbreak, the Government had stepped up surveillance of wild birds and increased inspections of farms and poultry markets. The panel urged the Government to suspend the importation of poultry from places with avian influenza cases, announce a crisis-handling mechanism and discuss with the trade the handling of live chickens in Hong Kong. When the situation stabilized in March 2004,



Hon Fred LI Wah-ming (second from right), chairman of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene, visited the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market to observe the inspection and quarantine arrangements for live chickens imported from the Mainland.

the panel urged the Government to resume importation of live chickens from the Mainland to meet the demand of retail markets and the catering trade. The importation of live chickens from the Mainland resumed on a pilot basis from 20 April 2004.

As the poultry trade was adversely affected by the outbreaks of avian influenza in the region and the suspension of poultry imports, the Government consulted the panel on the proposed package of ex-gratia payments and assistance to operators in the poultry trade. The package was approved by the Finance Committee in March 2004.

The Government also consulted the panel on the interim and longer-term measures to reduce human contact with poultry. These measures included reconfiguration of retail market stalls to provide separate storage and culling areas for live chickens, voluntary surrender of licences or tenancies for selling poultry, and central/regional slaughtering of poultry. While the panel supported the interim segregation measures for markets, members expressed concern about the impact of the central or regional slaughtering proposals on the poultry trade and consumers. The panel held a special meeting in June 2004 to gauge the views of experts, the Consumer Council and the affected trades on these proposals. The Government would revert to the panel in the next term on the outcome of public consultation.

Regarding food safety, the panel expressed much concern about reports of the presence of chemicals and harmful substances in food produced in the Mainland. The panel urged the Government to strengthen its control and surveillance of imported food to ensure that such foods were safe for human consumption. The panel also urged the Government to step up measures to combat smuggling of chilled meat into Hong Kong. As there were incidents of ciguarette poisoning related to consumption

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Members of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene paid a duty visit to Japan to study its food regulatory systems. (Above) The delegation visited a Tokyo supermarket; and (right) noted a no-smoking sign painted on a road surface.

of areolated coral grouper, the panel urged the Government to increase the testing of imported fish. The panel also considered that the importation, landing and selling of live fish should be brought under proper regulatory control, and that there should be more effective control over the hygiene standard of seawater used for keeping live fish.

The panel actively followed up the recommendations in Team Clean's final report. The panel was briefed on the anti-rodent and anti-mosquito campaigns and proposals to improve the hygiene conditions of food premises, public markets and public toilets. Panel members urged the Government to make sustained efforts to improve the conditions at hygiene blackspots such as back lanes, hillsides and vacant land in the New Territories.

The panel discussed and sought the views of affected parties on the Government's proposed labelling scheme on nutrition information. Panel members had diverse views on the proposed timetable for introducing the mandatory labelling requirements. The Government would revert to the panel in the



next term before finalizing the labelling requirements.

Panel on Financial Affairs

One of the functions of the panel was to provide a forum for members to exchange views with the Financial Secretary (FS) on matters relating to macro economic issues. During the session, FS briefed the panel periodically on Hong Kong's latest overall economic situation and the Government's strategies in tackling the fiscal deficit, including the securitization of future revenue receivable from tolls on five tunnels and one bridge. On the management of public finance, members appreciated the need to reduce public expenditure and explore new revenue measures, but stressed the importance of attracting external investments, reviving the economy and addressing the high unemployment rate.

The panel welcomed the Government's initiative in publishing the accrual-based accounts in addition to the existing cash-based accounts with a view to enhancing transparency of Government's financial position and performance. Members requested the Government to assess its pension liability and consider long term strategies in tackling the liability.

The panel followed up on the implementation of the campaign to re-launch Hong Kong's economy. Members expressed serious doubt over the financial arrangements and the cost-effectiveness of the Hong Kong Harbour Fest (Harbour Fest), which was an activity organized under the Campaign. Members questioned the

appropriateness of the Government in underwriting the shortfall of the Harbour Fest and giving a completely free hand to the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (AmCham) to organize such a large-scale event through a private company, Red Canvas Limited, owned by the then Chairman of AmCham. Given the low attendance rate for the concerts, members further questioned if the objectives of boosting the local economy and promoting tourism had been achieved. In the light of the concern expressed by the panel and the general public, the Audit Commission commenced a review on the Harbour Fest in late October 2003, and the Chief Executive appointed an independent panel of inquiry to investigate into the event in December 2003. Following the publication of reports by these two bodies, the panel examined the various issues highlighted in the reports. Members were disappointed to note that the Government did not play an effective role in monitoring the implementation of the Harbour Fest. Members reiterated that where public funds were involved, it was of paramount importance that all parties should be vigilant in exercising control over the use of tax-payers' money and in achieving the objectives of the project.

The panel continued to monitor the progress of the implementation of the Corporate Governance Action Plan drawn up by the Government, the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC), and the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited in early 2003. Members welcomed the initiative in strengthening the training for directors of listed companies. On tightening the regulation of Initial Public Offering intermediaries including

sponsors and financial advisers, members appreciated the initiative of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants (HKSA) in improving the self-regulatory regime of the accountancy profession to enhance the effectiveness and transparency of the regime through the introduction of the Professional Accountants (Amendment) Bill 2004, a Member's Bill sponsored by Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung. Members also supported HKSA's proposal to set up an Independent Investigation Board to consider complaints of alleged accounting, auditing and/or ethical irregularities committed by professional auditors involving listed companies.

On the enhancement of the regulation of listing, the panel noted the Government's decision to provide more important listing requirements with statutory backing and to expand the existing dual filing system. Given that the decision would increase the duties of SFC and confer more power on it, some members saw the need to strengthen the existing monitoring system over SFC to ensure the cost-effective deployment of its resources and to enhance checks and balances on its powers. On the other hand, the panel supported early implementation of the enhanced regulatory measures on securities margin finance providers with a view to addressing default risks in the securities industry to enhance investor protection.

The panel invited FS and the Chief Executive of Hong Kong Monetary Authority (CE/HKMA) to discuss the details of the division of their functions and responsibilities in monetary and financial affairs. Members expressed support

for the clear delineation of responsibilities in order to enhance transparency and credibility of policies and efficiency of operations in monetary and financial affairs. The panel also deliberated the governance of HKMA with FS and CE/HKMA, examined HKMA's Annual Report 2003 and sought detailed information on HKMA's operating expenses in performing its functions in relation to the Exchange Fund and its other banking duties.

Panel on Education

The panel discussed the Government's funding proposal for the University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded institutions for the 2004-2005 roll-over year at two special meetings in December 2003. Deputations presented their views and concerns about funding cuts for higher education. Some members were concerned whether tuition fees of UGC-funded institutions would be increased as a result. The Secretary for Education and Manpower clarified that the Government did not propose to change the indicative fees for UGC-funded programmes for the 2004-2005 academic year.

To develop a philanthropic culture in support of higher education, a Matching Grant Scheme was established to encourage institutions to raise funds through the collective efforts of their management and staff. Members considered that the larger institutions with a long and reputable history were more capable of raising funds than the smaller ones with shorter history. Members urged the Government to ensure a fair distribution of matching grants to the smaller/newer institutions.



Accompanied by Mrs Fanny Law, Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower, members of the Panel on Education visited Ho Lap College and listened to a student describing the creation of her electronic device.

The panel met with the Government and deputations from the education sector to discuss the planning and provision of public sector school places. Some members were concerned that if the construction of new schools under the School Building Programme was to continue as planned, there would be a substantial increase in the number of surplus secondary school places in the 2007-2008 school year when the secondary student population would start to decline.

The Government explained that to provide diversity and choice, there must be a reasonable degree of surplus supply of school places to facilitate student movement. The development of direct subsidy schools and private independent schools was a move towards promoting the quality of education, providing choices to parents and students and enhancing transparency and accountability in school operation.

At the end of the discussion, members expressed support for the Government to submit its school

building proposals to the Public Works Subcommittee for consideration, in particular proposals to reprovision and redevelop existing substandard schools and construction of new schools for implementation of whole-day primary schooling. To facilitate consideration of the proposals, members suggested that the Government should provide detailed background information, including the supply and demand situation on both a territory-wide and district basis, and the views of the school heads in the districts concerned.

The declining population in the six to 11 age group had led to a reduction of classes in schools in many districts. The panel discussed the problem of surplus primary school places and the Government's follow-up measures. In view of the surplus school places, the Government considered it inappropriate to continue funding the operation of a primary one class in primary schools with enrolment of less than 23 primary one students. Members urged the Government to assist the schools concerned in merging with other schools and formulate a long-term policy to resolve the problem of surplus school places. Some members considered that the Government should maintain close contacts with primary schools in need of assistance before the problem of insufficient student intake emerged.

Panel on Planning, Lands and Works

High on the agenda of the panel was the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) development project. Inviting 18 deputations from the arts, cultural, building and property sectors, the panel, together with the Panel on

Home Affairs, discussed the details of Invitations for Proposals for the WKCD project. Members questioned the appropriateness of adopting the single package development approach, which might restrict the pool of eligible proponents to a few large corporations. The mandatory requirement of a canopy which covered at least 55% of the 40-hectare site also aroused queries about its technical and financial viability. As the project would be run on a selffinancing basis and would not involve public funding, there was no need to seek funding approval from the Finance Committee. The panel examined whether this arrangement would give rise to a breach of normal Government accounting practice. In the light of its findings, the panel passed a motion expressing its opposition to the proposed land and financial arrangements for the WKCD project.

Of equal concern to the panel were the Central and Wanchai reclamation projects. The panel held four joint meetings with the Panel on Environmental Affairs to meet deputations, including the engineering professionals, green groups and transport trades, and to discuss with the Government. Members noted that in the light of the Court ruling that the Town Planning Board's decision concerning the Wanchai Development Phase II had failed to comply with the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance, the Government would conduct a comprehensive planning and engineering review of the development. As regards Central Reclamation Phase III, members were aware of the diverse views on the need to construct Central-Wanchai Bypass and urged the Government to consider other measures to relieve the traffic load in Central, such as adjusting the toll charges of the three cross harbour tunnels and implementing the Electronic Road Pricing System. Following the Court ruling in favour of the Government, the Government informed members of the Executive Council's decision not to revoke the approved Central District (Extension) Outline Zoning Plan.

The panel discussed the consultation paper on "Building Management and Maintenance" issued in late 2003. While supporting the direction of harnessing efforts of the private sector to tackle the building neglect problem, members considered that the Government should take a more proactive role in formulating initiatives for good building management and maintenance.

The proposal to use public private partnership approach for the reprovisioning of Sha Tin Water Treatment Works (STWTW) and the delivery of water supply, distribution, customer and support services was critically examined by the panel. Being the largest water treatment works in Hong Kong, STWTW provided a nominal capacity of over 1.2 million cubic metres of fresh water a day which met about 40% of the total water demand in the territory. Members were particularly concerned about how water quality could be ensured after privatization. The panel passed a motion calling on the Government not to make any decision on the privatization of STWTW before the relevant consultancy report was endorsed by the panel.

Panel on Economic Services

During the session, the panel continued to attach great importance to overseeing the planning and implementation of tourism infrastructure and monitoring initiatives to improve the quality of service of the industry with a view to promoting tourism development. Whilst noting that the tourism industry had staged a rapid V-shaped recovery after the SARS incident, the panel called on the Government to further develop and enhance the existing tourism infrastructure, facilities and products for visitors with a view to ensuring the sustainability of the recovery. There was also a need to devise effective measures to sanction unscrupulous retail shops and strengthen the complaint mechanism, and publicize the effectiveness of such efforts to boost the confidence of visitors to spend in Hong Kong.

Given the rapid development and expansion of Mainland ports and the increasing competition from the region, the panel expressed grave concern about the high terminal handling charge (THC) which had eroded the competitiveness of the Hong Kong port. The panel urged the Government to liaise with the relevant parties with a view to increasing the transparency of the mechanism for determining THC. There was also a need to speed up the infrastructural development programme in Hong Kong so as to cater for the rising demand, and facilitate cargo flow and passenger flow to boost the hub status of Hong Kong.

The panel conducted an overseas duty visit to Europe in April 2004 to study overseas experience in port and airport management, logistics development as well as theme park management. The panel considered it important to keep abreast of the latest development in the international arenas so as to facilitate the panel to consider the related matters in the years ahead.

Regarding electricity tariff, the panel was of the view that a tariff freeze by the two power companies for 2004 was not sufficient to alleviate the burden on the general public and the commercial and industrial sectors. The panel was also disappointed that the agreement secured during the 2003 Interim Review of the Scheme of Control Agreements (SCAs) with the two power companies did not result in a tariff reduction, despite the persistent deflation over the past few years. The panel called on the Government to ensure that the inherent limitations of the current SCAs would be avoided in the post-2008 regulatory regime.

High oil prices caused much concern to the local economy. In examining the resulting impact on the general public, the panel urged the Government to closely monitor the trends in international oil prices as well as local pump prices, and maintain close contact with the local oil companies. The panel also asked the Government to formulate relief measures to assist the affected trades.

In reviewing the competition situation in the foodstuffs and household necessities retailing sector, the panel took the opportunity to review whether there is a need to introduce a universal competition law. Whilst members had different views on the subject matter, the panel requested the Government to call upon all businesses to cease existing, and refrain from introducing, restrictive practices that impair economic efficiency or free trade.

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

The panel followed closely the review on the regulatory policy on Type II interconnection in fixed telecommunications network services. On the Government's proposal to withdraw mandatory Type II interconnection, members agreed in principle that operators should be encouraged to roll out their own networks instead of over-relying on Type II interconnection. They also considered that such withdrawal should be implemented in an orderly manner to minimize service disruption to customers. After consultation with members and deputations, the Government decided to withdraw mandatory Type II interconnection in the majority of buildings by 30 June 2008. For buildings already connected to at least two selfbuilt customer access networks, mandatory Type II interconnection would be phased out after a three-year period. The panel noted that Hong Kong would be the first among advanced economies to stipulate a sun-set date for withdrawal of mandatory Type II interconnection. In anticipation of a possible increase in network roll-out, members urged for better coordination in matters such as road excavation works by the various operators.

The Digital 21 Strategies promulgated by the Government for driving information technology (IT) development in Hong Kong as well as the progress of the E-government programme received ongoing attention by the panel. Having regard to members' consensus that the IT Easy Link project jointly launched with the Hong Kong Computer Society should be continued after the pilot period on account of its proven success, the Government



Members of the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting visited Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK).

undertook to discuss with the Hong Kong Computer Society the mode of collaboration in continuing the project after 2004-2005. The panel also supported the Government's reorganization and staffing proposal to strengthen and streamline its institutional structure for delivering IT functions and leading the further development of IT in Hong Kong.

The panel continued to monitor the progress of the proposed introduction of digital terrestrial television (DTT) services in Hong Kong. Members exchanged views with the broadcasting and related industries on key issues such as the technical standard to be adopted for DTT broadcasting. Some members further urged the Government to re-examine the feasibility of setting up public access channels when the number of channels could be increased after implementation of DTT services. In following up the financial arrangement to facilitate commercialization and content licensing of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK)'s productions, members welcomed the Government's decision to fund the direct costs (except civil service personal emoluments)

incurred by RTHK in the process of content licensing or other revenue-raising initiatives.

In reviewing the progress and key activities of the Cyberport project, members were keen to ensure that the Cyberport would serve its intended objective of creating a strategic cluster of leading IT companies in Hong Kong instead of a property development project competing with other developers in offering quality office premises at cheap rent. To address members' concern about the economic benefits of the Cyberport, the Government would provide a comprehensive report on the project in early 2005 to facilitate an overall evaluation by the panel.

Panel on Welfare Services

The Government announced its plan in October 2003 to seek the Finance Committee's approval for a new commitment of \$130 million to establish a Trust Fund for SARS to provide special ex-gratia relief payments to families with deceased Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) patients; and assistance, including special ex-gratia financial assistance, for recovered SARS patients suffering from longer term effects, attributable to SARS.

Members generally considered the proposed special ex-gratia relief payments for the surviving dependent family members of deceased SARS patients acceptable. They were, however, of the view that the cumulative financial assistance of \$500,000 for recovered SARS patients should be higher than the amount of special ex-gratia relief payment for the families of deceased SARS patients.

Taking into account members' comments, the Government agreed to increase the original estimate for recovered SARS patients from \$50 million to \$70 million, thereby increasing the global amount to \$150 million. The Government also agreed to expand the scope of the Trust Fund for SARS to cover patients who were clinically diagnosed as having SARS on admission, treated with steroids as medication for SARS, but turned out subsequently not to have been infected.

To better protect the health of elders, members urged that influenza vaccinations be provided for all needy elders in the community at a concessionary rate.

The Government advised that not all elders needed to receive influenza vaccinations. Nevertheless, service units of non-governmental organisations, such as district elderly community centres, neighbourhood elderly centres and social centres for the elderly, provided needy elders in the community with influenza vaccination at a concessionary rate from September to December 2003.

Arising from the Government's plan to implement the new seven-year residence requirements for social security benefits from 1 January 2004, a subcommittee was formed by the panel in December 2003 to study the exercising of discretion under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme to waive such requirements, among others.

Although the Government considered it impractical to have specific rules for waiving of residence requirements under the CSSA Scheme,

given that each case had to be considered on its own merits, the Government accepted the subcommittee's suggestion of publicising a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" on the exercising of discretion to waive the residence requirements.

To avoid the recurrence of the Tin Shui Wai family tragedy, another subcommittee was formed under the panel in May 2004 to consider the more pressing issues prior to the end of the 2003-2004 legislative session. These issues included reviewing the Domestic Violence Ordinance (Cap. 189) and enacting legislation against stalking committed by family members to better combat family violence.

Panel on Health Services

Following the publication of the Report of the SARS Expert Committee on 2 October 2003, the panel immediately met with representatives of the SARS Expert Committee. As the Report only focused on lessons to be learnt and formed the judgment that it "has not found any individual deemed to be culpable of negligence, lack of diligence or maladministration" in the handling of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) epidemic, the panel recommended to the House Committee on 10 October 2003 that a select committee be appointed by the Legislative Council (LegCo) to inquire into the handling of the SARS outbreak by the Government and the Hospital Authority (HA). The House Committee supported the panel's recommendation and formed a subcommittee to consider the terms of reference of the proposed select committee. The select committee was subsequently appointed by LegCo on 29 October 2003.



Members of the Legislative Council Subcommittee to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the SARS Expert Committee and the Hospital Authority Review Panel on the SARS Outbreak visited the isolation facilities at Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital to keep abreast of its latest situation of the infection control and isolation improvement works.

The panel also met with representatives of the HA Review Panel on the SARS Outbreak (the Review Panel) on 23 October 2003 to discuss the Report of the Review Panel. Issues raised included collaboration with the Department of Health, command and control structure of HA during the SARS epidemic, capacity of HA and its preparedness to deal with a major crisis and impact of SARS on HA's funding.

On 9 October 2003, the panel decided to form a subcommittee to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the SARS Expert Committee by the Government and HA. The scope of the subcommittee was later expanded to cover the monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations of the HA Review Panel. Issues discussed by the subcommittee included contingency mechanism of the Government and HA to deal with possible

resurgence of SARS, manpower requirements for combating SARS, engaging the community in times of outbreak, communications and review of the existing legislation for the control of infectious diseases. Members were generally satisfied with the progress made by the Government and HA in implementing these recommendations. Members urged the Government to expedite a comprehensive revamp of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 141), having regard to the operational experience in combating the recent SARS epidemic and the changing patterns of international trade and people movement.

The Government reported to the panel the progress made in the collaboration on infectious disease surveillance amongst Guangdong Province, Hong Kong and Macao in November 2003. Members were particularly concerned about the Government's explanation that a sudden upsurge of any infectious diseases of unknown nature or of public health significance generally referred to an abnormal pattern of infection in the community. They were of the view that there should be clear and objective criteria so that each place would know when it was required to report promptly to the other two places.

The Government advised the panel that although there was no formal definition of a sudden upsurge of any infectious diseases of unknown nature or of public health significance under the tripartite agreement on collaboration on infectious disease surveillance, the parties concerned had been working on the understanding that this referred to a general increase of infected cases above the normal level.

Panel on Environmental Affairs

The panel continued to monitor the impact of the harbourfront reclamation works under the Central Reclamation Phase III. Members recognized that the provision of reclaimed land aimed to provide for the construction of the Central-Wanchai Bypass to relieve traffic load. They, however, had reservation on the need for the Bypass having regard to the not very high anticipated traffic load. They suggested that the Government should consider relieving the traffic load through other traffic management measures, such as equalization of toll charges of the three cross harbour tunnels. To further reduce the extent of reclamation, efforts should be made to reduce the size of reclaimed land for the proposed cooling water pumping station and the military dock for the People's Liberation Army.

The Consultation Document for the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS) Stage 2 was released in June 2004 to gauge public opinion on the Government's preferred option to expand and upgrade the existing Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works to provide centralized chemical treatment for sewage from the whole HATS catchment, and to build a new biological treatment plant. Given the importance and far-reaching implications of HATS Stage 2, members urged the Government to consider extending the proposed four-month consultation period ending 20 October 2004 to end 2004. The panel also invited interested parties, including green groups, to exchange views with members on the issue.

On waste management, the panel considered that to reduce the reliance on landfills, the Government should review the waste management policy to promote the prevention and recovery of waste. Members also supported the early implementation of landfill charging, but the Government had to consult the trades, particularly waste haulers, with a view to reaching a consensus on issues such as charging arrangement. They further considered it necessary for the Government to explore with the Mainland authorities and private contractors the feasibility of exporting construction and demolition materials. To promote social responsibilities among corporations in Hong Kong, the panel suggested that the Sustainable Development Unit should formulate a set of guidelines on social responsibilities so that developers who did not perform well in this respect, such as indiscriminate demolition of buildings, would not be allowed to participate in tendering for public works projects and land auctions.

On air quality, the panel examined the Government's proposals of retrofitting emission reduction devices on pre-Euro diesel heavy vehicles the engines of which had to be kept running for operational reasons while the vehicles remained stationary, as well as making the Euro IV unleaded petrol specification the statutory standard with effect from 1 January 2005. Members also noted the Government's plan to introduce legislative amendments to require registration and mandatory labelling of the content of volatile organic compounds in paints, printing inks and selected consumer products for sale in Hong Kong.

The panel was gravely concerned about the environmental damages to streams as a result of excavation and channelization. While acknowledging that channelization was used to prevent flooding, some members pointed out that this would threaten the survival of a number of rare species of freshwater fish which were close to extinction. To strike a balance between flood prevention and ecological protection, they urged the Government to consider providing channelization in the more populated areas while adopting more ecologically friendly measures in uninhabited areas. Enforcement should also be stepped up against illegal activities which might cause irreparable damages to the natural habitat of streams. On protection of marine parks, some members suggested that apart from repatriating Mainland fishermen who were caught fishing illegally in marine parks, consideration should be given to prosecuting them in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong. Additional staff should also be deployed to step up patrol duties and enforcement against visitors of marine parks who were found to have caused damages to corals and other important forms of marine life.

Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units

The select committee was appointed by the Council in February 2001 to inquire into the circumstances surrounding four public housing projects. After presenting its First Report in January 2003 to the Council on the Shatin Area 14B Phase 2, Shek Yam Estate Phase 2 and Tung

Chung Area 30 Phase 3, the select committee continued to meet and examine evidence obtained in relation to the Tin Chung Court incident.

The select committee presented its Second Report to the Council on 19 May 2004. The Second Report analyzed the background, management structure, and planning, design and construction processes of the Tin Chung Court project and set out the deficiencies identified by the select committee in these processes. The personal responsibilities of the parties concerned in ensuring work quality were critically assessed by the select committee. Further to the 13 recommendations in the First Report, the select committee made other recommendations to improve the quality control in respect of public housing production.



Members of the Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units presented their second report to Legislative Council on 19 May 2004, after which members held a press conference to answer the media's inquiries.

Select Committee to Inquire into the Handling of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Outbreak by the Government and the Hospital Authority

In 2003, Hong Kong was attacked by an infectious disease named Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The SARS epidemic was unprecedented in the modern history of Hong Kong in terms of its severity and magnitude. During the epidemic, 1,755 people were infected and 299 of them died. The Council appointed a select committee on 29 October 2003 to inquire into the handling of the SARS outbreak by the Government and the Hospital Authority, and to examine the performance and accountability of the officers at policy-making and management levels.

From November 2003 to July 2004, the select committee held a total of 94 meetings, including 30 public hearings to take evidence from 73 witnesses. The select committee tabled its report at the Council meeting of 7 July 2004. The report contained an account of the hospital outbreaks selected for the select committee's inquiry, as well as the events and issues studied by the select committee. Apart from analysing facts, the report provided an assessment of the performance and accountability of the officers concerned. The select committee also made a number of recommendations relating to the public health system in Hong Kong.







During its nine-month investigation, the Legislative Council Select Committee to inquire into the handling of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome outbreak by the Government and Hospital Authority summoned 73 witnesses to 30 public hearings. Witnesses included (from left above, clockwise) Dr YEOH Eng-kiong, Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food; Dr William HO Shiu-wei, Chief Executive of Hospital Authority; and Mr LAM Woon-kwong, Director of the Chief Executive's Office.



Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, Chairman of the Select Committee, presides over a meeting.



Members of the Select Committee met with Mr TUNG Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive, at Government House.

(Right) Mr TUNG Chee-hwa welcomed members of the Select Committee. (Below) Flanked by Select Committee members Dr Hon LO Wing-lok and Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong (centre) raised a point with Mr TUNG during the meeting.





The Select Committee issued its report and held a press conference afterward.



Chapter 4 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 2003-2004, 1,036 new cases were received. Of these, 175 were group representations and 861 were cases brought up by individual members of the public. Out of the 1,000 cases dealt with and concluded within the period, Members directly handled 829 cases, which constituted 82.9% of the caseload. Of the remaining 171 cases, 156 were views which were circulated to Members for consideration, and 15 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 76 case conferences with representatives

of the Government. In addition to cases, 1,850 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 1,000 cases concluded, assistance was provided to 870 cases (87%), while the remaining 130 cases (13%) were not pursued, as these were either outside the scope of the redress system, groundless, or incomprehensible. Appendix 7 is a breakdown of these concluded cases, by nature and by outcome, by the 10 Government policy bureaux/departments which received the largest number of complaints. 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:

Housing Cases

Housing issues attracted the largest number of cases, totalling 130. These consisted mainly of individuals' complaints against the management of public rental housing (PRH) estates, applications for rehousing and compassionate transfer, and views on rental charges. Group cases were mainly on the management and maintenance of PRH estates

such as the discolouration of water supply and restrictions on the keeping of dogs, and assistance for elderly property owners.

The group case concerning the discoluration of water supply related to units in a seven-year old PRH estate. The tenants were dissatisfied with the discolouration of water supply to their flats and requested for the replacement of fresh water pipes. Members were concerned and held a case conference with the Government to follow up the case. The Housing Department advised that galvanized steel pipe systems had a service life of 12 years. The Department had formulated a replumbing programme using the 12-year criterion and monitored the conditions of plumbing systems in PRH estates through regular inspections. The Department subsequently conducted tests in flats in the estate in question, and replaced the water pipes in those flats where water discolouration was serious.

A deputation solicited Members' assistance in urging the Government to help resolve the housing problem faced by elderly property owner-occupiers living in dilapidated buildings. These elderly owners were ineligible for public housing on account of their property ownership, but were unable to sell their properties as these were mostly in old buildings with inadequate management services and maintenance. They were confronted by hygiene and safety problems, and the payment of rates, Government rent and maintenance costs also posed a heavy financial burden as they had limited income and assets. Members referred the issue to the Panel on Housing which, after discussion at the meeting on 7 April 2004, was informed that the Subsidized Housing Committee of the Housing Authority had subsequently approved the proposal for elderly property owners to be allowed to move into Housing for Senior Citizens upon recommendation by the Social Welfare Department for compassionate rehousing.

A deputation comprising animal protection groups sought Members' assistance regarding the keeping of pets in public housing estates. In response to the deputation and Members' requests, the Authority agreed to allow tenants to keep small household pets which would not cause nuisance or pose health hazards. One-off "temporary permission" was also given to tenants whose dogs weighed below 20 kg and were licensed and desexed. Although another deputation requested for relaxation of the 20 kg criterion, the Housing Department maintained its stance for the reason that public housing estates were densely populated and not suitable for keeping large dogs.

Immigration Cases

The Immigration Department attracted the second largest number of cases, totalling 71. Most of the cases brought up by individuals were related to entitlements to the right of abode in Hong Kong and requests for permission to stay.

About 40 of the cases were initiated by persons who were themselves Mainland residents or who had family members residing in the Mainland. Some claimed that they or their family members were eligible for permanent stay in Hong Kong, while others put forward compassionate grounds in support of their request for the right of abode in Hong Kong.

Having examined their cases, the Director of Immigration advised that these persons had to abide by the judgement of the Court of Final Appeal on 10 January 2002 on the NG Siu-tung case, and no discretion could be exercised to grant them permission to stay in Hong Kong as there were insufficient humanitarian or compassionate reasons in support of their cases.

Social Welfare Cases

The third largest number of cases, totalling 63, were on social welfare issues. The majority were individual cases related to views on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and social welfare services, and requests for assistance in applications for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance.



Representatives of the Society for Community
Organization met with Legislative Council Members to
request assistance in formulating a policy in
accordance with the United Nations Convention on
the Rights of the Child. They also asked for help in
improving the environment of children living in
poverty and in helping to eradicate poverty.



Legislative Council Members paid a site visit to Tai Po to be briefed on a proposal for a manmade beach at Lung Mei (above) and to receive a briefing by Government officials on the drainage problem of Wai Ha River in Shuen Wan.



Environmental Protection Cases

The Environmental Protection Department and the Home Affairs Department both attracted the fourth largest number of cases, each totalling 43. The majority of cases concerning environmental protection were complaints lodged by residents in Tsuen Wan against odour pollution from the Rambler Channel, and odour and noise pollution generated by the Tsuen Wan Slaughterhouse. The Environmental Protection Department explained that the odour emission from the Rambler Channel

resulted from the illegal connection of foul water drains to storm water drains in over 100 buildings in the district. The Department followed up with the management companies and the owners' corporations of the buildings concerned for rectification works. As for the complaints against the slaughterhouse, the Department carried out odour assessments and noise measurement which revealed that there was no pig odour, and the noise measurement was within the statutory noise limit.

One of the complaints concerning environmental nuisance was against coach drivers who did not switch off their engines after parking their vehicles in Braemar Hill Road area in North Point. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Government conducted a new round of a territory-wide "Wait Green – Engine Off" Campaign starting in the Eastern District, and stepped up inspection checks and issued verbal/written advice to operators who failed to switch



During a visit to the Ta Kwu Ling Landfill in the North District, Members met with a group of villagers protesting against the environmental and hygiene problem arising from the use of the land and opposing the Government's plan to extend the landfill.



During a visit to the North District, Members requested the Government to consult the public before implementing the extension of the landfill and to make concrete undertakings on the land development and planning of Sha Tau Kok and Ta Kwu Ling so as to break the stalemate in the economic development of the district.

off the vehicle engines while waiting. In addition, the Government undertook to continue patrolling at strategic locations and maintain close liaison with the business sector to ensure adherence to the guidelines by drivers for the protection of public health.

Home Affairs Cases

Cases related to the Home Affairs Department were mostly complaints against owners' corporations, building management matters and performance of staff of the Department. Views were also received on the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344), the utilization rates of the Building Management Resources Centres and amenities services provided by the Department.

Other Significant Cases

Acquisition price offered by the Urban Renewal Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society

Property owners who were affected by redevelopment projects undertaken by the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) and the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) approached Members for assistance in their negotiation on the acquisition price of their domestic/non-domestic properties. The owners were of the view that the acquisition price was low and insufficient for them to find replacement flats in the same locality, and suggested the adoption of a "flat-for-flat"/"shop-for-shop" mechanism. Some were also dissatisfied with some owner-occupied domestic flats being regarded as vacant or tenanted flats, which would result in a reduction in their Home Purchase Allowance.

At the ensuing case conferences, the representatives of URA/HKHS explained that the acquisition price for domestic properties was based on the Home Purchase Allowance policy approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on 30 March 2001. The policy set out the levels of compensation payable to owners of domestic properties on the basis of the market value of a notional sevenyear-old replacement flat in the same locality with an average orientation. The acquisition price offered for domestic and non-domestic properties reflected the prevailing market situations and was based on an objective valuation conducted by independent surveyor firms. Owners who held different views could appoint surveyor firms to negotiate with the

surveyors appointed by URA/HKHS, and reasonable professional fees would be reimbursed to the owners after completion of the property transactions. Regarding the suggestion for a "flat-for-flat"/"shop-for-shop" mechanism, the URA/HKHS representatives advised that the existing cash compensation policy was based on a value-for-value concept which gave owners the maximum flexibility to purchase replacement flats that would best meet their personal needs. The occupation status of the properties was based on information supplied by the owners and data collected during household surveys, and owners who were dissatisfied could approach the review committee set up by URA to consider applications for review of eligibility for Home Purchase Allowance.

Road T3 Related Projects

The Government proposed to implement a series of local road improvement projects and temporary transport arrangement in Shatin New Town to tie in with the construction of the Road T3 project. Some of these proposals were,



Representatives of the Coalition of Outlying Islands met with Members to present their views and protest against holiday surcharges on ferry fares.

however, met with resistance from residents and shop operators in the district, who formed a total of six deputations to solicit Members' assistance. Members held a series of case conferences to follow up on these cases. For the majority of the cases, the Government had either accepted the deputations' alternative proposals, modified the original proposals, or agreed to keep in view progress after implementation of the proposals in order to alleviate the residents' worries and minimize the inconvenience caused. The only outstanding issue was the construction of the Shing Mun River Channel Bridge near the Park View Garden. The Government undertook to consider further options and consult the Shatin District Council before finalizing its proposal.

When handling these cases, Members noted that although the Government had consulted the District Council concerned on the road project and the interfacing projects, the absence of concrete details at the time of consultation did not make it possible for parties concerned to consider and comment fully on the projects. As such, Members urged the Government to provide full details of each and every project during consultation in future in order that the parties concerned would be aware of the details and furnish views fully and meaningfully.

Reprovisioning of a Market to the New Stanley Complex

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department informed stallholders of the Stanley Temporary Market that their tenancies would be terminated and ex-gratia payment would be made in lieu of re-provisioning. The

stallholders were aggrieved that the Government had reneged on its promise made earlier on for re-provisioning the market to the new Stanley Complex at Stanley Market Road. The Department explained that on account of a substantial reduction of patronage of the temporary market and a recommendation by the Director of Audit for viability to be the overriding consideration in planning public markets, it had revised the project scope to exclude market facilities from the Stanley Complex. At Members' request, the Department increased the ex-gratia payment to stallholders. It also undertook to grant to eligible stallholders the right to "restricted auction" of existing vacant stalls at public markets on preferential terms, and the transfer of the right to restricted auction from the stallholders to their assistants or partners.

Assistance for Ethnic Minorities

Two complaint cases handled under the redress system were concerned with assistance for ethnic minorities. A deputation comprising mainly of Nepalese people alleged that there was a lack of integration policy to meet the needs of ethnic minorities. In response to Members' enquiry, the Government advised that the Government took its obligations under the international human rights treaties seriously and made efforts to ensure that its policies and practices were consistent with those obligations.

The second case was brought up by a group of ethnic minority parents who sought assistance regarding school places allocation (SPA). They were dissatisfied that the parents associations of kindergartens and schools with Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) children had not been consulted fully on the revised SPA arrangements. They requested for suspension of the implementation of the revised arrangements, as they were worried that their children might be allocated to mainstream public sector schools using Chinese as the teaching medium even if that was not the parents' choice. At the case conference convened by Members, the Government explained that the revised SPA arrangements were implemented to facilitate the integration of NCS children into the local education system and their academic and career pursuit. The Government had initiated discussions and exchanged views with concern groups and nongovernmental organizations on the proposal to revise the SPA arrangements for NCS children starting from the 2004 allocation cycle. At Members' request, the Government undertook to provide assistance to NCS children as far as possible after announcement of the SPA results.

Safety of School Premises

Members met with a deputation comprising parents of physically handicapped children of a special school who expressed grave concern on the safety of the school premises. The parents were concerned with cracks surfacing upon completion of the rooftop extension works of the school premises, and an increase in the number of cracks despite the remedial strengthening works undertaken. They requested the Government to appoint an independent expert to inspect the school premises to ascertain its structural safety, rebuild the partitions of the rooftop extension with light-weight concrete blocks, extend the



Members met with bird traders of Yuen Po Street Bird Garden to hear their grievances and discuss any assistance to be provided to them.

warranty period of the school improvement works, and relocate the mini-circuit breaker boxes installed inside the classrooms as a further safeguard to protect the students from accidents. At the ensuing case conference, the Government explained that the cracks concerned were hairline, non-structural cracks which would not pose danger to the school premises. The installation of mini-circuit breaker boxes inside classrooms, which was to facilitate the school's operation, was also a common design adopted amongst schools. Nevertheless, the Government appointed an independent structural consultant to re-assess the structural safety of the premises. The consultant confirmed that the cracks were found only on the surface of the finishes, and the school premises were structurally safe and suitable for occupancy. The warranty period of the school improvement works was extended to 24 months, and the mini-circuit breaker boxes were relocated to ease the parents' mind.

Chapter 5 Liaison

Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee

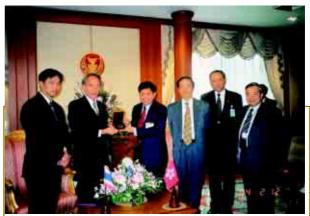
he Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee of the House Committee is responsible for the overall co-ordination of all parliamentary liaison activities between the Council and other parliamentary organizations outside Hong Kong, and for considering proposals for setting up friendship groups with such organizations. It makes recommendations to the House Committee on such matters. The membership of the subcommittee is in *Appendix 5*.



A Legislative Council delegation led by Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee Chairman, visited Singapore and Thailand. In Singapore, they paid a courtesy visit to Parliament Speaker Mr Abdullah Tarmugi (third from right).

At the suggestion of the subcommittee, a delegation of five Members of the Council visited Singapore and Bangkok in Thailand from 12 to 18 February 2004. Apart from meeting members of the Singapore-Hong Kong Parliamentary Friendship Group of Singapore, the delegation met Members of Parliaments, senior government officials and representatives of business organizations in both countries to

discuss issues of mutual interest. The delegation also received briefings from the hosts on a variety of subjects, including tourism, urban redevelopment and public housing.



The delegation paid a courtesy call to Mr Somsak Prisananuntagul, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Thai National Assembly.

Luncheons With Consuls-General

To enhance contacts between Members and the diplomatic community in Hong Kong,



Present at one luncheon are: (from left) Mr Patrick L P M NIJS, Consul-General of Belgium; Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing; Mr Istvan DARVASI, Consul-General of Hungary; Mr Ricardo Haroldo FORRESTER, Consul-General of Argentina.



(From left) Mr Sisounthone SITHIMOLADA, Consul-General of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai; Dr Jan FURY, Consul-General of the Czech Republic; and Mr Mario LEAL Campos, Consul-General of Mexico.

luncheons were organized quarterly to provide opportunities for Members to make acquaintance and exchange views with consular officials on the work of the Council as well as matters of mutual concern. Between October 2003 and July 2004, three such luncheons were held, which were attended by a total of 47 consular officials.

Contact With District Councils

Members hold on a roster basis regular meetings with the District Councils to exchange views on



LegCo Members met with Tai Po District Council members.

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 2003-2004 session, 10 meetings were held with District Councils.

Contact with Heung Yee Kuk

Members hold regular meetings with Councillors of Heung Yee Kuk to exchange views



Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, Chairman of the House Committee, met with members of the Heung Yee Kuk to discuss issues of mutual interest.

on matters or issues of mutual concern. During the 2003-2004 session, a meeting between Members and Heung Yee Kuk Councillors was held on 2 March 2004. The Chairman of the House Committee presided at the meeting. Policy issues raised at the meeting were referred to the relevant panels and the Government for follow-up.

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 consuls-general in Hong Kong. During the 2003-2004 session, a total of 86 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.



Legislative Council Members met with a delegation from the California State Senate, United States, to exchange views on trade and commerce issues.



Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council, received a courtesy visit by the President of the Senate of Belgium and his delegation.



Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai met with the Governor of the State of Nebraska, United States, and his delegation.



(Above) Led by Senator Jean BRESSON (second from left), a delegation from the France-China Interparliamentary Group, representing the Senate of France, paid a courtesy visit to Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai. (Below) The delegation also met with Members, who briefed them on Hong Kong's latest developments.



Chapter 6 Support Services for Members

The Legislative Council Commission

he 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. Memberships of the Commission and its committees/Working Group/Task Force, 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 2004, there were 308 staff in the Secretariat. The organization chart is shown in *Appendix 10*.

Composition of

the Legislative Council

PRESIDENT

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

MEMBERS

FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES

Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, SBS, 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, SBS, 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, JP (Information Technology)

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

Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP (Agriculture and Fisheries)

Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP (*Tourism*)

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

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

Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, 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, BBS, 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, GBS, JP (District Council)

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

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)

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

Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP (New Territories West)

Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip (New Territories West)

Hon WONG Sing-chi (New Territories East)

Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, JP (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, SBS, JP

Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS, JP

Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP

Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP

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 Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP

President's Deputy

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

- Chairman, House Committee, Legislative Council
- Chairman, Panel on Transport, Legislative Council (1998-2003)
- 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 Maritime Industry Council
- Member, Hong Kong Port Development Council
- Chairman, Port Development Advisory Group
- Member, Hong Kong Logistics Development Council

Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, SBS, 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, 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
- Honorary President, 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, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Court (25.6.2004 - present)
- Director, The Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority
- Member, Jiangsu Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Member, Guangdong Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (Dong Shan District)

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
- Member, Selection Committee of the Admission of Talents Scheme
- Member, Hong Kong Trade Development Council
- Director and Executive Committee Member, Hong Kong Plastics Technology Centre
- Member, Council of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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

- Chairman, Panel on Economic Services, Legislative Council
- Member, Economic and Employment Council

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
- Director, Wah Tak Fung Holdings Limited
- Chairman, Oriental (Group) Investment Holdings Limited
- Director, Zhu Kuan Development Co Limited
- Director, Catic Shenzhen Holdings Limited
- Director, Chuang's China Investments Limited
- Director, CATIC International Holdings Limited
- Director, Hong Kong Pharmaceutical Holdings Limited

Public Service:

- Deputy to the 10th National People's Congress
- Member of Hong Kong Housing Authority
- Member of the Council of the Hong Kong Baptist University (2002 - 2003)
- 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 Sub-Committee (1/1989 10/1989)
- Honorary Treasurer (1988-1989)

Christian Family Service Centre

- Convenor of Fund Raising Sub-Committee (1989-1996)
- Member of Board of Directors (1987-1997)
- Member of Finance and Personnel Sub-Committee (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

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Environmental Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, Central and Western District Council (Kwun Lung)

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)

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 (1963)
- P.D.S.E., University of Manchester, UK (1963-1964)
- Ph.D., City University of London, UK (1968-1971)
- Honorary Doctor of Business Administration, City University of Hong Kong (1999)
- Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Manchester, UK (2001)
- Authorised Person, Hong Kong
- Registered Structural Engineer, Hong Kong
- Registered Professional Engineer (Building, Civil, Environmental, Geotechnical, Structural)
- Honorary Fellow & Past President (1987-1988), The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (Disciplines: - Building, Civil, Environmental, Geotechnical, Structural)
- Fellow, Institution of Civil Engineers, U.K.
- Fellow, Former Vice President (1989-1990) & International Representative (Asia-Pacific Region), Institution of Structural Engineers, U.K.
- Former Council Member (1984-1987), The Association of Consulting Engineers of Hong Kong
- Fellow, The Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences
- Honorary Fellow, The Chartered Institute Of Building
- Fellow & Past President (1989-1990), The Hong Kong Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology
- Fellow & Honorary Adviser, The Hong Kong Institute of Real Estate Administration
- Honorary Fellow, The Hong Kong Institute of Facility Management
- Founder Member & Fellow, Hong Kong Institution of Highways and Transportation
- Honorary Advisor & Honorary Fellow, The Hong Kong Institute of Utility Surveyors

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 (2000-2004)
- Member, Election Council for Hong Kong Deputies to the Tenth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (2002-2007)
- Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, Legislative Council (2000-2004)
- Chairman, Association of Engineers in Society
- Advisory Professor, Shanghai Tongji University (Since 1991)
- Deputy Chairman, Guangdong Daya Bay Nuclear Plant / Ling Ao Nuclear Plant Safety Consultative Committee (Since 1988)
- Member, Gas Safety Advisory Committee (1997-2005)
- Member, Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units, Legislative Council (2001-2004)

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 (1996-1998)
- Deputy Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, Provisional Legislative Council (1996-1998)
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1996-2002)
- Ex-officio Member, Election Committee for the First Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1998-2000)
- 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 (1998-1999)

- 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 (1997-2002)
- 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)
- Member, Planning Committee on Academic Awards (1986-1987), Vice Chairman, Provisional Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation (1987-1990) & Vice Chairman & Chairman of Executive Committee, 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 (1988-1995) & Chairman of Finance Committee, Occupational Safety and Health Council
- Member (1981-1993) & Chairman of Finance Committee (1983-1993), Construction Industry Training Authority
- Member, Advisory Group on Road Openings (2001-2002)

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
- · Senior Counsel

Occupation:

Barrister-at-law

- Legal Adviser, 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
- Adjunct Professor, School of Business, Hong Kong Baptist University
- 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, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Honorary Alumnus, London Business School
- B.A. in Economics (Hons.), University of Manchester, UK
- Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Practising)
- Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
- Fellow, CPA Australia
- Honorary Fellow, The Association of International Accountants
- CGA (Honorary), Canadian Certified General Accounts Association of Hong Kong
- Fellow, Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, UK
- Fellow, The Hong Kong Institute of Company Secretaries
- Honorary Registered Financial Planner, Society of Registered Financial Planners
- Honorary Hong Kong Accounting Technician, The Hong Kong Association of Accounting Technicians
- Honorary Fellow, The Hong Kong Institute of Housing
- Certified Public Accountant

Occupation:

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

- Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Legislative Council (1998 - present)
- Vice-Chairman, Independent Police Complaints Council
- Member, Deposit-taking Companies Advisory Committee
- Member, Basel II Consultation Group Hong Kong Monetary Authority
- 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 PHAB 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 Mar ch 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
- Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut
- 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, Sub-committee 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
- Chairman, East Asian History of Science Foundation
- Life Patron, The Hong Kong Ballet
- Patron, Festival Fringe
- Vice Patron, The Community Chest of Hong Kong
- Honorary Patron, Mandarin Golf and Country Club
- Honorary Patron, Sincere Charitable Foundation
- 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
- Member, Council of Governors, Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care
- Trustee, University Graduates Association Scholarship Fund
- Emeritus Trustee, the Cambridge Foundation
- Trustee, Cambridge Overseas Trust
- Trustee, Board of Trustees, American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird)
- Founder Member, Friends of The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race
- Member, The Asia Society International Council
- Member, A Commission on a New Asia
- · Unofficial Justice of the Peace
- Honorary Member, The Hong Kong Aviation Club
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Arts Festival Society Limited
- Member, American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
- Honorary Adviser, Overseas Graduates Association

- Member, SEI Center for Advanced Studies in Management Board, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania
- Fellow, McKinsey Global Institute
- First Honorary Chairman, Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in China
- Chairman, The International Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong, China
- Non-Executive Chairman, Edelman Asia Pacific
- Member, The Asia Society Hong Kong Centre Advisory Committee
- Member, International Advisory Boards of Carlos P. Romulo Foundation for Peace and Development
- Member, Daimler Chrysler International Advisory Board
- Member, Federal Reserve Bank of New York's International Advisory Committee
- Member, Komatsu International Advisory Board
- Member, Lafarge International Advisory Board
- Member, Scripps International Network Advisory Board
- Member, Sirocco Aerospace International, SAE International Advisory Board
- Senior Adviser, Metrobank
- Senior Member of The Conference Board, Inc
- Member of the Advisory Council to the Australian International School Board
- Member, Advisory Board of Capital Magazine
- Non-Executive Director, AviChina Industry & Technology Company Limited
- 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, HKICL Services 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, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority
- · 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, Hong Kong Institutes of Biotechnology, (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
- Senior Member of The Conference Board, Inc (2001-2004)

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, ICAC Complaints Committee (2002 - present)
- Member, Investor Education Advisory Committee, The Securities and Futures Commission (2004-2005)

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, 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 Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- Standing Committee Member, Shandong Political Consultative Congress
- Vice President, Shandong Province General Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority
- Chairman, Hong Kong Shandong Business Association

Hon NG Leung-sing, SBS, 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 (1996-2004)
- Director, Bank of China HK Charitable Foundation (1996 present)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, First Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Second Legislative Council (2000-2004)
- Committee Member, The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1999-2004)
- 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) (1998 - present)
- Deputy Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure, Legislative Council (1998 - present)
- Member, Operations Review Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption (1996-2003)
- 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 Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, GBS, JP

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

- Member, The Greater Pearl River Delta Business Council (3/2004 - present)
- Non-official Member, Executive Council (9/2003 - present)
- Hon. Advisor, "Quality Tourism Services" Association Governing Council (2003 - present)
- Chairman, "Quality Tourism Services" Committee (6/2003 - present)
- Member, Legislative Council (Wholesale & Retail Functional Constituency) (2000 present)
- Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Hong Kong Design Centre (2000 - present)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Tourism Board (4/2000 - present)
- Member, HK Trade Development Council (4/2000 - present)
- Board Member, Airport Authority Hong Kong (1999 - present)
- Member, Film Development Fund Advisory Committee (1999 present)
- Deputy Chairman, Liberal Party (1999 present)
- Member, Central Committee, Liberal Party (1992 present)
- Member, Film Services Advisory Committee (1998 - present)
- Hon. Advisor, Retail Management Association (1996 - present)
- Director, HK Intellectual Property Society (1996 - present)
- Patron, Lok Chi Society (1985 present)

 Hon. Advisor, Against Child Abuse (1981 - present)

Past Service

- Member, "Quality Tourism Services" Council (2000-2003)
- Vice Patron, "Quality Tourism Services" Scheme (2000-2003)
- Chairman, House Committee, LegCo (10/2000 - 10/2003)
- Board Member, Hong Kong Tourist Association (1999-2000)
- Member, Small and Medium Enterprises Committee (1996-2000)
- Member, Provisional Legislature of HKSAR (1997-1998)
- Hon. Advisor, Association of Better Business & Tourism Services (1995-2003)
- Chairman, Central Committee, Liberal Party (1992-1995)
- Appointed Member, Executive Council (1991-1992)
- Member, Education Commission (1990-1992)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Corruption, Independent Commission Against Corruption (1986-1988)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1986-1988)
- Chairman, International Youth Year Central Co-Ordinating Committee (1985)
- Member, Council of the Hong Kong Academy for the Performing Arts (1984-1988)
- Chairman, Consumer Council (1984-1988)
- Council Member, Family Planning Association of Hong Kong (1984-1985)
- Member, Council for the Performing Arts (1982-1986)
- District Board Member (Mongkok) (1982-1984)
- Executive Committee Member, Hong Kong Housing Society (1981-1984)
- Member, Law Reform Commission (1980-1984)
- Appointed Member, Urban Council (1980-1984)
- Member, Central Fight Crime Committee (1976-1981)
- President, Zonta Club of Hong Kong (1976-1977)
- Member, Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations, Independent Commission Against Corruption (1975)

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, 2003-2004)
- 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 (1994-2003)
- 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

Hon HUI Cheung-ching, SBS, 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
- Member, Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation Advisory Board
- 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 Council
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Legislative Council
- Member, Legislative Council (1998 present)
- Member, Standing Executive Committee of The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions
- 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 HKFTU 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

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 Council
- 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
- President, Asia Insurance Co. Ltd.

Public Service:

Industry Service

- Member, Insurance Advisory Committee
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory 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 Ltd.
- Council Member, Lingnan University
- Vice-Chairperson, Community Investment and Inclusion Fund Committee
- Member, Greater Pearl River Delta Business Council
- Member, Economic and Employment Council
- Chairman, Hong Kong Thailand Business Council

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, 2003-2004)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority
- Board Member, Urban Renewal Authority
- Director, The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Ltd.
- Member, Economic and Employment Council
- 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

Public Service:

Present Service

- HKSAR Deputy, 10th of National People's Congress, PRC
- Councillor, Second Term of The Legislative Council of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Panel on Commerce & Industry, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Health Services, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Public Services, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Select Committee to inquire into the handling of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome outbreak by the Government and the Hospital Authority
- 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, Chiu Yang Residents Association of H. K. Ladies Committee
- 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
- Founder & Chairman, The Young Entrepreneurs Development Council Limited
- Member, Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee
- Advisor, Heung Yee Kuk New Territories
- Honorary Chief Adviser in Advisory Committee of the Council of Management, Hong Kong Jewellery & Jade Manufacturers Association
- Honorary President, The Hong Kong Island Federation
- Chairperson, Governing Board, Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre
- Permanent Adviser, Yan Chai Hospital
- Chairman, Chi Lin Trust Fund for the Aged Committee
- Founding Senior Member, Foundation for Educational Development and Research, University of Hong Kong
- Honorary Vice President, AIESEC-LC-Lingnan, Lingnan University
- Founder, Elementary Charitable Foundation
- Co-founder, Education Aboard Services (Hong Kong) Limited
- Senior Advisor, the Community Chest
- · Patron, Friends Unlimited
- Honorary President, Friends of Qixia Apple of Hong Kong 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 Ltd.
- Honorary President, Federation of Hong Kong Guangdong Committee Organizations Limited
- Honorary President, Hong Kong Shunde Xing Tan Clansmen Association Limited
- Honorary Adviser, Federation of HK Chiu Chow Community Organizations
- Advisor, Hong Kong Health Care Association on Aging Co Ltd.
- Organizing Committee of Compatriots in Hong Kong for Celebration of the 54th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China
- Honorary Advisor, Soul Talk

Past Service

- Councillor, First Term of The Legislative Council of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (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, 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)
- Honorary Adviser, College of Nursing, Hong Kong (2002-2003)
- 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)
- Honorary President, The Overseas Teo Chew Young Entrepreneurs Association (2001-2003)

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

- Member, Kwai Tsing District Board / District Council (1985 - present)
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-1997) (1998 - present)
- 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, JP

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
- Life Member, Hong Kong Intellectual Property Society

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 (2000-2005)
- 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 (1998-2005)
- Director, Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited (1999-2005)
- Member, Kwai Tsing District Board (1985-2003)
- 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 - present)
- Member, Working Group on Web-enabling Women, Home Affairs Department (2000-2002)
- 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 (1999-2005)
- Council Member, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (2001-2007)
- 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 (2000-2006)
- Member, Advisory Committee for the R&D Programme in Transport Information Systems, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (2001-2005)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Corruption of the ICAC (2002-2005)
- Member, Advisory Committee for the Master of Science Programme in Information and Technology Management, the Chinese University of Hong Kong (2000-2006)
- 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)
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Retail Technology Industry Association (2003-2004)
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Enterprise Resources Management Society (2003-2005)
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Digital Entertainment Association (2003-2004)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Information Engineering, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (2004-2006)

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, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (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

- Ex-officio Executive Committee Member, Heung Yee Kuk (1989 - present)
- Justice of the Peace (1989 present)
- Chairman, Insurance Agents Registration Board, 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)

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

Public Service:

- 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, JP

Date of Birth: 10 August 1951

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Diploma in Modern Management, South China Teacher's University

Occupation:

Fisherman

- Hong Kong District Affairs Adviser (1995-1997)
- Member, Tai Po District Board/District Council (1991-1997) (1999-2007)
- Member, Tai Po Provisional District Board (1997-1999)
- Member, Agriculture, Fisheries, Commerce and Industries Committee, Tai Po District Board/ Council (1985-2007)
- Member, Traffic and Transport Committee, Tai Po District Board/Council (1991-2007)
- 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/Council (1991-2007)
- 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 Sub-committee, Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries
- Member, Livestock Sub-committee, Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries
- Member, Capture Fisheries Sub-committee, 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 Co-operative 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

- 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
- Manager, Pui Kiu Primary School
- Member, ICAC Complaints Committee
- 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 Council
- 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

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)

- 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, 2003-2004)
- Committee Member, Education Action Group

Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS, JP

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

- Chairman, Panel on Education, Legislative Council
- Hong Kong Deputy to the 9th and 10th 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
- Member, Appeal Panel of the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong
- Supervisor, HKFEW Wong Cho Bau School (Primary and Secondary)
- Member, Management Committee of Buddhist Bright Pearl Primary School
- 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

- Adviser, The Confucian Academy
- Honorary Adviser, Pok Oi Hospital
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong United Youth Association
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Youth Association
- Honorary President, Hong Kong Innovative Education Association
- Honorary President, Kowloon Federation of Association
- Honorary President, Hong Kong Youths United Association
- Honorary President, Yau Tsim Mong Youths Society
- Honorary President, The N.T. District Adviser Alumni Association
- Honorary President, Sham Shui Po Residents Association
- Honorary President, Mongkok District Residence Association
- Honorary President, Tai Kok Tsui District Resident Livelihood Concern Society

Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP

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
- President, 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 Transport, Legislative 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 (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 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) Ltd.
- Director, The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited
- Member, The Economic and Employment Council

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, 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, Task Force on Employment (2002-2004)
- 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, UK

Occupation:

Legislative Councillor

- 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

- 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 HKSAR
- 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 Ltd.
- 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

Public Service:

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Transport, 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

- 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, GBS, 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, 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:

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

Occupation:

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

Public Service:

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

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

- 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 (1997-2003)
- 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, IP

Date of Birth: 24 June 1945

Education and Professional Qualifications:

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

Occupation:

Director

Public Service:

- Member, Antiquities Advisory Board (1996-2002)
- Member, Managing Board of Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Council

Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP

Date of Birth: 2 December 1950

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Tertiary Education

Occupation:

Trade Union Officer

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Public Service, Legislative Council
- Member, Equal Opportunities Commission
- Member, Economic and Employment Council
- Chairman, The Federation of Hong Kong and Kowloon Labour Unions
- Vice Chairman, Hong Kong and Kowloon Electronics Industry Employees' General Union

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
- Director, The Ocean Park Corporation
- Member, Statistics Advisory Board
- Member, Board of Trustees of The Lord Wilson Heritage Trust
- Member, Action Committee Against Narcotics
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority
- Member, Investment Sub-Committee 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
- Member, Executive Committee of The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
- Director, Friends of Hong Kong Association
- Trustee, Queen Mary Hospital Charitable Trust
- 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 Ltd.
- Chairman, Villani Ltd.
- Chairman, Syto Trading and Investment Ltd.
- Chairman, Citiway Development Ltd.
- Deputy General Manager, World Trade Centre Club Hong Kong
- Director, Art Concept International Culture Studies Foundation Ltd.
- Independent Non-Executive Director, Wah Yuen Holdings Ltd.

- · 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 HKSAR
- Member, Advisory Committee on Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals
- Member, ICAC Complaints Committee
- 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 Ltd.
- 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) (fulltime)
- Department Operations Manager, Kwai Chung Hospital (part-time)
- Teaching Fellow of University of Ballarat of Australia (part-time)

- 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)

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

- 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, LegCo 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, Seabed 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 Election 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)

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

- 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 (2000-2004)
 - 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 (1999-2002)
- 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 (1.10.1997 present)
 - Chairman, Working Group on the Quit (Tobacco Smoking) Campaign (1998 and 2000)
 - Chairman, Working Group for the 1999 World No Tobacco Day Activities (1999)

- Member, Hospital Governing Committee of Tung Wah East Hospital, Hospital Authority (28.8.1997 - 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 (5/1998-2000)
- Member, Election Committee (Medical Subsector) 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:

Full-time Legislator

- Member, North District Council (1991-1994) (2000-2003)
- 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, JP

Date of Birth: 17 March 1953

Education and Professional Qualifications:

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

Occupation:

Legislative Councillor

Public Service:

Political Experience

 Founder and Chairman, Hong Kong Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood (1989 - 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 the 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)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Elected Member, Legislative Council (1991-1997)
- Elected Member, Sham Shui Po District Board (1988-1991, 2000-2003)
- 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 (1998-2003)
- General Education Co-ordinator, The University of Hong Kong (2/1999 8/2000)

Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP

Date of Birth: 8 November 1951

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- · Hon Wah Middle School
- Bachelor, South China Normal University

Occupation:

Executive Secretary, Hon Wah Educational Organisation

- Deputy, 10th National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China for HKSAR
- Deputy Chairman, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong (DAB)
- Member, Central and Western District Board/ District Council (Kwun Lung) (1992-2003)
- 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
- Chairman, Legislative Council Home Affairs Panel
- Member, Legislative Council Commission
- Convenor, Legislative Council Caucus, DAB
- Hon Adviser, Association of the Hong Kong Island Ltd.
- Honorary Adviser, Association of the Hong Kong Central and Western District Ltd.
- 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

- Hon Adviser, Pok Oi Hospital
- Hon Chairman, NT District Adviser Alumni Association
- Hon Adviser, Sai Ying Pun Kaifong Welfare Association
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- Member, 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 Mingyin 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 Ltd.
- 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, SBS

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
- Member, 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 (TDC)'s Professional Services Advisory Committee (1996-2003)
- Convenor, TDC 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 (2002-2006)

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) (1999-2005)
- 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 HKSAR
 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, 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 (2001-2006)
- Chairman, Advisory Committee for the Department of Land Surveying & Geo-Informatics, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (2001-2005)

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

- Member, ICAC Operations Review Committee (1.1.2003 - 31.12.2004)
- Member, ICAC Witness Protection Review Board Panel (1.1.2003 - 31.12.2004)
- Member, Estate Agents Authority, Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau (1.11.2002 - 31.10.2004)
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Association of Registered Tour Co-ordinators Ltd. (2002-2003)
- Honorary Legal Adviser, Hong Kong Doctors Union (2002-2003)
- Legal Adviser, The Hong Kong 1095th Eastern Optimistic Scout Group (5.3.2001)
- Chairman, Appeal Tribunal Panel (Buildings), Planning and Lands Bureau (1.12.2000 - 30.11.2006)
- 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 (3.1.1995 - 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 (6.12.1994 - 5.12.2000)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Bar Association (16.1.1997 - 20.1.1999)
- Chairman, Sub-Committee on Civil Liability for Unsafe Products, Law Reform Commission (1995-1998)
- Member, Sub-Committee on Description of Flats on Sale, Law Reform Commission (1992-1998)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1.4.1994 - 31.3.1996)
- Member, Consumer Council (1.1.1989 - 31.12.1995)
- Member, Board of Education (1.7.1991 30.6.1995)

Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP

Date of Birth: 2 July 1955

Education and Professional Qualifications:

Civil Engineering, Hong Kong Polytechnic

Occupation:

Managing Director, Major Trend Entertainment Ltd.

- Hong Kong Deputy to the Tenth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- Member, Fight Crime Committee
- Member, Estate Agents Authority
- Member, Projects Vetting Committee of Film Development Fund
- Member, Film Services Advisory Committee
- Member, The Council of The HK Academy For Performing Arts
- 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 Ltd.

Bills Passed

Bills	Gazette Date	1st Reading Date	Passage through LegCo Date
@+ 1. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill 2000	5.10.2000	18.10.2000	16.6.2004
@+ 2. Human Organ Transplant (Amendment) Bill 2001	8.6.2001	20.6.2001	9.7.2004
@+ 3. Education (Amendment)Bill 2002	22.11.2002	4.12.2002	8.7.2004
@+ 4. Land Titles Bill	6.12.2002	18.12.2002	7.7.2004
@+ 5. Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2003	7.2.2003	12.2.2003	24.3.2004
@+ 6. Construction Workers Registration Bill	7.3.2003	19.3.2003	2.7.2004
@+ 7. Construction Industry Levy (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2003	28.3.2003	9.4.2003	11.2.2004
@+ 8. Education (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2003	28.3.2003	9.4.2003	14.1.2004
@+ 9. Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (Amendment) Bill 2003	11.4.2003	30.4.2003	26.11.2003
@+ 10. Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2003	17.4.2003	30.4.2003	23.6.2004
@+ 11. Deposit Protection Scheme Bill	17.4.2003	30.4.2003	5.5.2004
@+ 12. Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2003	2.5.2003	14.5.2003	5.5.2004
@+ 13. United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Bill 2003	9.5.2003	21.5.2003	3.7.2004
@+ 14. Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003	9.5.2003	21.5.2003	7.7.2004
@+ 15. Public Officers Pay Adjustments (2004/2005) Bill	16.5.2003	21.5.2003	10.12.2003
@+ 16. Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2003	30.5.2003	11.6.2003	30.6.2004
@+ 17. Adoption (Amendment) Bill 2003	6.6.2003	18.6.2003	9.7.2004
18. Supplementary Appropriation (2002-2003) Bill	6.6.2003	18.6.2003	8.10.2003
@+ 19. Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Bill 2003	13.6.2003	25.6.2003	23.6.2004
@+ 20. Companies (Amendment) Bill 2003	13.6.2003	25.6.2003	9.7.2004

Bills	Gazette Date	1st Reading Date	Passage through LegCo Date
21. Import and Export (Facilitation) Bill 2003	13.6.2003	25.6.2003	29.10.2003
22. Revenue (No. 3) Bill 2003	27.6.2003	9.7.2003	5.11.2003
@+ 23. Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2003	10.10.2003	22.10.2003	2.7.2004
@+ 24. Hong Kong Sports Development Board (Repeal) Bill	14.11.2003	26.11.2003	9.6.2004
25. Employees Compensation Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2003	21.11.2003	3.12.2003	17.12.2003
@+ 26. Clearing and Settlement Systems Bill	28.11.2003	10.12.2003	2.7.2004
(27. Ling Liang World-Wide Evangelistic Mission Incorporation (Amendment) Bill 2003	7.11.2003 & 14.11.2003	10.12.2003	14.1.2004
@+ 28. Waste Disposal (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2003	5.12.2003	17.12.2003	2.7.2004
29. Appropriation Bill 2004	10.3.2004	10.3.2004	28.4.2004
@+ 30. Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill 2004	5.3.2004	17.3.2004	9.7.2004
@+ 31. Merchant Shipping (Security of Ships and Port Facilities) Bill	12.3.2004	24.3.2004	23.6.2004
# +(32. Professional Accountants (Amendment) Bill 2004	19.3.200	24.3.2004	9.7.2004
+ 33. Airport Authority (Amendment) Bill 2004	19.3.2004	24.3.2004	9.6.2004
(34. Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (Merger) Bill	12.3.2004 & 19.3.2004	24.3.2004	28.4.2004
35. Revenue Bill 2004	23.4.2004	28.4.2004	12.5.2004
# (36. Wing Hang Bank, Limited (Merger) Bill	14.5.2004 & 21.5.2004	9.6.2004	9.7.2004
37. Supplementary Appropriation (2003-2004) Bill	11.6.2004	16.6.2004	9.7.2004

Member's Bill Indicates that Bills Committee has been formed for the Bill Bill passed with CSA moved by Administration Bill passed with CSA moved by Members

Lapsed Bills

		Bills	Gazette Date	1st Reading Date
	1.	Industrial Training (Construction Industry) (Amendment) Bill 2001	2.3.2001	14.3.2001
+	2.	Companies (Corporate Rescue) Bill	18.5.2001	23.5.2001
+	3.	Foreshore, Sea-bed and Roads (Amendment) Bill 2003	7.2.2003	19.2.2003
+	4.	National Security (Legislative Provisions) Bill	14.2.2003	26.2.2003
+	5.	Boundary Facilities Improvement Tax Bill	6.6.2003	11.6.2003
+	6.	Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill 2003	20.6.2003	25.6.2003
+	7.	Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill 2003	28.11.2003	10.12.2003
+	8.	Vocational Training Council (Amendment) Bill 2003	24.12.2003	14.1.2004
+	9.	Construction Industry Council Bill	30.1.2004	11.2.2004
+	10.	Undesirable Medical Advertisements (Amendment) Bill 2004	6.2.2004	11.2.2004

⁺ Indicates that Bills Committee has been formed for the Bill

Motion

Debates Held

Date of Council meeting, Subject and Mover

Wording of Motion and Result

8 October 2003

"Calling on the Chief Executive Mr TUNG Chee-hwa to step down" moved by

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

8 October 2003

"Facing up to the transport needs of people with disabilities" moved by Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung The motion: "That, as there has been retrogression in human rights, the rule of law and economic development in Hong Kong and democratization of the political system has remained stagnant under the administration of the Chief Executive Mr TUNG Chee-hwa, prompting the public to make repeated demands for him to step down, this Council calls on Mr TUNG to take the responsibility and resign in accordance with the wishes of the people." was negatived.

The motion: "That this Council expresses strong dissatisfaction with the failure of the government departments concerned to face up to the transport needs of people with disabilities and give full effect to the relevant motion passed by this Council in the 2002-03 session, and demands the Administration to act immediately to press various public transport operators to offer half-fare concessions to people with disabilities and to improve their facilities so as to reduce the barriers to them, as well as to expeditiously improve the Rehabus service." was carried.

15 October 2003

"Better contingency mechanism and preventive measures on the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome" moved by Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

amendments moved by
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU
Yau-fun

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion as amended by Hon CHAN Kwok-keung and Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun: "That, in view of the possible resurgence of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in winter, this Council urges the Government to devise a better contingency mechanism and adopt preventive measures to safeguard public health and ensure that the spread of the disease can be effectively contained in case of an outbreak, with a view to minimizing the damage; these measures should include:

- (a) enhancing the coordination and collaboration of the work of public and private medical institutions as well as residential care homes for the elderly in the treatment and prevention of SARS, and issuing standardized guidelines in this respect;
- (b) providing sufficient and proper protective gears as well as infection control training to front-line health care workers to ensure that they work in a safe environment;
- (c) expediting the construction of isolation facilities in public hospitals;
- (d) establishing a clear mechanism for reporting confirmed and suspected SARS cases for public and private medical institutions;
- (e) implementing primary health education more extensively in the community and at schools so as to enhance public understanding and awareness of infectious diseases;
- (f) promoting continuously with all efforts the territory-wide participation in sustainable measures on public health and cleanliness;
- (g) vigorously enforcing quarantine and health measures at exit and entry points;
- (h) implementing as soon as possible the recommendations of the SARS Expert Committee; and
- (i) taking into full consideration the views of the Legislative Council Panel on Health Services on the Report of the SARS Expert Committee." was carried.

15 October 2003

"Boundary crossing arrangements for Mainlanders visiting Hong Kong individually" moved by

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee

amendment moved by

Hon James TO Kun-sun

22 October 2003

"Indoor air quality" moved by Hon CHOY So-yuk

amendment moved by

Hon Howard YOUNG

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion as amended by Hon James TO Kun-sun: "That, as the relaxation of restrictions on Mainlanders visiting Hong Kong individually has led to a substantial increase in the tourist arrivals from the Mainland, imposing heavy pressure on immigration and customs clearance at border control points, this Council urges the Government to expedite and implement the various boundary crossing infrastructural projects, upgrade the supporting facilities for immigration and customs clearance at border control points, and make flexible arrangements as well as deploy additional manpower for clearance processing at border control points, so as to facilitate the cross-boundary passenger flow to the fullest extent on the one hand, and keep close watch on security at border crossings on the other, sparing no effort in detecting and investigating criminal activities including theft, smuggling of contraband, etc. at border control points, in order to uphold the rule of law and safeguard the safety of inbound travellers and Hong Kong people." was carried.

The original motion: "That, as good indoor air quality is essential to healthy living and conducive to reducing the threat of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome and other respiratory diseases, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously account for the progress in implementing the 'Indoor Air Quality Management Programme', promptly and fully implement the relevant proposals, including formulating relevant laws and regulations, and at the same time educate the public extensively on the correct ways to keep the indoor air fresh, so as to prevent poor indoor air quality from doing harm to people's health." was carried.

Wording of Motion and Result

to:

22 October 2003

"Elderly persons taking up permanent residence in the Mainland" moved by **Hon CHAN Kam-lam**

Assistance Scheme' to places outside Guangdong Province; (b) solve the medical problems encountered by elderly

(b) solve the medical problems encountered by elderly persons who take up permanent residence in the Mainland and continue to receive Comprehensive Social Security Assistance; and

The motion: "That, as the existing policy fails to meet the needs

of the elderly persons who intend to take up permanent

residence in the Mainland, this Council urges the Government

(a) extend the 'Portable Comprehensive Social Security

(c) relax the limits of absence from Hong Kong for Old Age Allowance recipients." was carried.

29 October 2003

"Reducing gas, electricity and water charges" moved by

Hon TAM Yiu-chung

amendment moved by

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

The motion as amended by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming: "That, although individual public transport operators have reduced their fares or offered concessions to passengers through interchange schemes, not all members of the public have benefited from these concessions; hence, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures to further alleviate the burden on the public and the commercial and industrial sectors, and speed up the economic recovery of Hong Kong, thereby promoting employment:

- (a) expeditiously discussing with the gas company and the two power companies and encouraging them to reduce their charges or provide concessions to consumers;
- (b) striving to amend the Schemes of Control of the two power companies, including the method for calculating their returns, in the interim review; and
- (c) expeditiously consulting with the Government of Guangdong Province on entering into a new agreement on the supply of Dongjiang water and introducing a clause that allows flexibility in the supply of water, and returning to consumers all the savings derived from the purchase of Dongjiang water, as well as exploring other water sources so as to increase the supply of potable water." was carried.

29 October 2003

"Expectations for the implementation of policies" moved by **Dr Hon YEUNG Sum** The motion: "That this Council urges the Government to prudently consider the expectations of the Members of this Council for the 2004 Policy Address." was carried.

5 November 2003

"Combating the problem of Mainlanders engaging in illegal employment and prostitution in Hong Kong" moved by Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung

amendments moved by

Hon James TO Kun-sun

Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion as amended by Hon James TO Kun-sun and Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee: "That, as information indicates an upward trend in the number of Mainlanders arrested for engaging in illegal employment and prostitution in Hong Kong in recent years; they work in construction sites, licensed food premises, guesthouses and places of public entertainment, which not only affects the employment of local workers, but also causes serious nuisances to the public, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) increase manpower, step up inspections, and gather intelligence to combat such illegal activities;
- (b) review the relevant legislation and introduce heavier penalties;
- (c) review the Government's outsourcing and licensing systems, and study the introduction of a point system and more stringent licensing requirements to penalize those employers who employ illegal workers, with a view to deterring them from employing illegal workers; and
- (d) strengthen its communication with the public security and border control authorities of the Mainland and exchange relevant information in a timely manner, in order to enhance the collaborative efforts in combating illegal employment and prostitution, and suggest to the relevant Mainland authorities that effective measures be adopted to prevent those Mainlanders who have committed crimes in Hong Kong from re-entering the territory with other identities." was carried.

5 November 2003

"Regulating health foods" moved by Hon WONG Yung-kan

amendments moved by
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG
Shuk-yee
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

amendment to amendment moved by Hon CHAN Kwok-keung The original motion: "That, whereas it has become increasingly common for the public to purchase health foods, there are still quite a number of loopholes in existing legislation which regulates such foods, this Council urges the Government to devise a comprehensive regulatory mechanism for health foods, so as to safeguard the rights and interests of consumers and facilitate the development of the health food market." and the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.

Wording of Motion and Result

12 November 2003

"Improving public transport fare system" moved by

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

amendment moved by Hon LAU Kong-wah

amendment to amendment moved by *Hon Albert HO Chun-yan*

transport fare system, to:

(a) discuss with various franchised bus companies ways to improve their existing fare structures, expeditiously revise the scale of fares under the Public Bus Services Ordinance as well as reformulate existing guidelines on the setting of fares, and study the setting of full and sectional fares of each bus route according to the distance of the journey on condition that the burden on long-haul passengers will not be increased, so that the fare structures become more transparent and reasonable and fares paid by each

The motion as amended by Hon LAU Kong-wah: "That, this

Council urges the Government to expeditiously discuss with

various public transport operators to seek a 10% reduction of

fares across the board and the re-introduction of half-fare travel

concessions for students, and to encourage them to co-operate in offering more joint concessions and, in regard to public

(b) examine jointly with various public transport operators the feasibility of issuing daily, weekly and monthly tickets that can be commonly used on various modes of public transport, so as to facilitate local passengers and tourists who need to use them to commute frequently, as well as to alleviate the burden of travelling expenses on them." was carried.

passenger are as fair as possible; and

12 November 2003

"Election of the Chief Executive and all Members of the Legislative Council by universal suffrage" moved by

Hon James TO Kun-sun

The motion: "That this Council urges the Government to publish a green paper on the reform of the political system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by the end of this year so as to implement the election of the Chief Executive and all Members of the Legislative Council by universal suffrage in 2007 and 2008 respectively, and expeditiously abolish the appointed and ex-officio seats in the District Councils to return the political power to the people." was negatived.

19 *November* 2003

"Backbone industries as part of the infrastructure" moved by

Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah

amendment moved by Hon SIN Chung-kai

19 *November* 2003

"Grasping the opportunities brought about by CEPA to enhance employment" moved by Hon CHAN Yuen-han

amendments moved by
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion as amended by Hon SIN Chung-kai: "That, as the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement will bring about new opportunities for the manufacturing industry in Hong Kong, this Council urges the Government to embrace the new development with a new way of thinking and treat backbone industries as part of the infrastructure, and to formulate strategic measures and study the establishment of a border industrial zone or a river-loop industrial zone to attract suitable backbone industries to invest and set up factories and production lines in Hong Kong in order that they will become the driving forces of their industrial chains, thereby attracting related trades and industries to the territory, with a view to revitalizing the local manufacturing industry and promoting the sustained growth of Hong Kong's economy." was carried.

The motion as amended by Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, Hon LEE Cheuk-yan and Dr Hon YEUNG Sum: "That, as the unemployment rate in the territory remains high with the unemployed population reaching 300 000, this Council urges that, in order to tie in with the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) which will be formally implemented in 2004, the Government should expeditiously honour the pledge in this year's Policy Address to set up a high-level task force to improve the business environment, collect views from different sectors of the community for the purpose of reviewing and improving the existing policies, laws and regulations relating to various industrial and commercial sectors and, having regard to the characteristics of the different sectors, implement the policies flexibly, abolish unnecessary regulations and restrictions, assist small and medium enterprises in grasping the opportunities brought about by CEPA, and expeditiously conduct an impact assessment on the employment situation, thoroughly analyse the impact of the arrangement on the local labour market with a view to improving the existing manpower development policy, thereby creating more employment opportunities and improving the acute unemployment situation; this Council also urges that the Government should, having regard to the arrangement, study the establishment of a border industrial zone or a river-loop industrial zone." was carried.

Wording of Motion and Result

26 November 2003

"West Kowloon Cultural District development project" moved by Hon WONG Sing-chi

amendments moved by

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Hon MA Fung-kwok

26 November 2003

"Credibility of the Equal Opportunities Commission" moved by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

amendments moved by
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

3 December 2003

"Education policy" moved by Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

amendments moved by

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan

The motion as amended by Hon MA Fung-kwok: "That this Council urges the Government to comprehensively review the West Kowloon Cultural District development project, consider the 'software' contents before planning the cultural facilities, extend the deadline for submission of development proposals, openly and thoroughly consult the cultural sector, professional bodies, the real estate sector, the Legislative Council, the public and relevant organizations, and uphold the 'people-oriented', 'partnership' and 'community-driven' principles put forward by the Culture and Heritage Commission for the West Kowloon development in formulating a development and operation plan that is open, fair and proper; and in the process of development, the Government should also facilitate a partnership between developers and the cultural sector, so as to allow the latter to participate in the planning and future operation of the facilities in the district." was carried.

The original motion: "That this Council urges the Chief Executive and the HKSAR Government to learn the lesson from the 'Michael WONG Kin-chow incident' and take expeditious measures to restore public confidence in the Equal Opportunities Commission." was carried.

The original motion: "That this Council opposes the Government's reduction in spending on education, and urges the Government to implement small-class teaching in primary and secondary schools by phases, adopt the four-year normative undergraduate structure as early as possible, and provide funding support for existing associate degree programmes run by universities, so as to provide students with quality education and nurture future talents for Hong Kong." and the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.

3 December 2003

"Improving the competitiveness of Hong Kong's container freight industry" moved by

Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou

amendment moved by Hon SIN Chung-kai

3 December 2003

"Appointing least number of District Council members" moved by **Dr Hon YEUNG Sum**

10 December 2003

"Repercussions of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome on employees compensation insurance" moved by Hon Bernard CHAN

amendments moved by

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Hon LAU Chin-shek

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion as amended by Hon SIN Chung-kai: "That this Council urges the Government to promptly address the problem of Hong Kong's container terminals rapidly losing their competitive edge, seriously examine the reasons for the decline in the competitiveness of the local container freight industry, and expeditiously take corresponding measures, including conducting feasibility studies on the selection of site for and the planning of Container Terminal 10 in view of the construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, so as to reclaim Hong Kong's leading position as a maritime and logistics centre." was carried.

The motion: "That, as more than one million voters cast their votes in the District Council elections on 23 November, the appointment of District Council members by the Chief Executive will be tantamount to changing the results of voting by the public, this Council urges the Chief Executive to appoint the least number of District Council members in accordance with the law and respect the choices made by more than one million voters who cast their votes in the District Council elections." was negatived.

The motion as amended by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo and Hon LAU Chin-shek: "That, on the premise of ensuring full protection of the statutory rights and benefits of employees, this Council urges the Government to review the possible repercussions of infectious diseases, such as the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, transmitted in the workplace on the employees compensation insurance market, including the affordability of such insurance in the community and other issues potentially affecting stakeholders; at the same time, this Council also urges the Government to examine plans for improving workplace risk management in order to reduce the chance of transmission of infectious diseases in the workplace, and to study the desirability and feasibility of establishing a central employees compensation scheme." was carried.

Wording of Motion and Result

10 December 2003

"Supporting the middle class" moved by Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin

amendments moved by
Hon MA Fung-kwok
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum

17 December 2003

"Digital 21 Strategy" moved by Hon SIN Chung-kai

amendment moved by

Hon Howard YOUNG

17 December 2003

"Labelling Scheme on Nutrition Information" moved by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

amendment moved by

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG

Shuk-yee

The motion as amended by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum: "That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously introduce a series of effective long-term policies, including relieving the tax burden on the middle class and providing appropriate help to the negative-equity property owners among them, with the objective of supporting the middle class." was carried.

The motion as amended by Hon Howard YOUNG: "That this Council considers that the Government should take the opportunity of reviewing the Digital 21 Strategy to promote the use of information technology ('IT') by local enterprises, the public and the Government itself so as to achieve the target of enhancing Hong Kong's competitiveness and creating business opportunities for the IT industry; the Government should also enhance the exploitation of the market opportunities in the Mainland for the local telecommunications industry brought about by the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, tie in with the Mainland's IT policies and understand the complementary advantages of the IT industries in both places, with a view to facilitating enterprises in Hong Kong in developing the Mainland market or co-operating with the Mainland enterprises in receiving IT goods orders from the world market, developing products jointly or promoting Mainland products in the world market, thereby achieving mutual benefits." was carried.

The original motion: "That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously introduce a mandatory labelling scheme on nutrition information for prepackaged food and draw up a legislative timetable to implement, in three years' time, the first and second phases of the scheme as proposed in the consultation paper, so as to facilitate consumers in choosing foods that are beneficial to health; besides, as the international community has not yet arrived at a consensus on how to regulate foods for infants and foods prepared for people with special dietary needs, this Council also asks the Government to carry out a study as soon as possible, to explore the feasibility of including these food products in the scheme." was carried.

Wording of Motion and Result

14 January 2004

"Supporting the import and export industries" moved by

Hon HUI Cheung-ching

14 January 2004

"Better health care financing policy" moved by

Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

4 February 2004

"Motion of Thanks" moved by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee

amendment moved by

Dr Hon YEUNG Sum

11 February 2004

"Demands on the Budget" moved by Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong

amendments moved by
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG
Shuk-yee

amendment to amendment moved by *Hon SIN Chung-kai*

The motion: "That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously study how Hong Kong's import and export industries will be affected by the implementation of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement and the changes to be introduced by European countries and the United States in 2005 to the export quota system for major textile products from Hong Kong and the Mainland, and to formulate corresponding measures." was carried.

The motion: "That, as the existing health care financing policy fails to enable the public to receive sustained good-quality health care services, this Council urges the Government to work out a better health care financing plan in the light of overseas experience and to consult the public, so as to expeditiously formulate a long-term new policy that is workable." was carried.

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

The motion as amended by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee: "That this Council demands that, when drawing up the 2004-05 Budget, the Government do not substantially reduce its spending on social welfare, medical services and education, and continue to freeze the government fees and charges which directly affect people's livelihood and business environment." was carried.

Wording of Motion and Result

11 February 2004

"Border industrial zone" moved by Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun

amendment moved by Hon SIN Chung-kai

18 February 2004

"Policy on broadcasting" moved by Hon SIN Chung-kai

amendments moved by
Hon NG Leung-sing
Hon Howard YOUNG

amendment to amendment moved by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

The motion as amended by Hon SIN Chung-kai: "That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously formulate planning and support measures which are conducive to the development of a border industrial zone, and take the initiative to consult the relevant Mainland authorities with a view to seeking a synergy of the strengths of the Mainland and Hong Kong in supporting the development of the advantaged industries and related trades; the Government should also discuss with the Shenzhen Municipal Government to explore the setting up of a Hong Kong-Shenzhen river-loop area development company to jointly develop a border river-loop industrial zone, so as to attract local, Mainland and foreign investors, promote Hong Kong's economic growth, and create more local employment opportunities." was carried.

The motion as amended by Hon Howard YOUNG and further amended by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo: "That, to tie in with the introduction of Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting, this Council calls upon the Government to review the existing policy on broadcasting, affirm the importance of public broadcasting service, and establish public access television channels which may be operated by public organizations for the broadcast of programmes produced by public, non-profit making or non-government organizations, community groups and the public; the public access television channels should be regulated by the Broadcasting Authority, so as to prevent the broadcast of programmes which have contents that are obscene, indecent, defamatory, discriminatory, and incite social violence, so that the needs of all walks of life, including the socially disadvantaged groups and the creative industry, in the realm of information dissemination can be catered for and safeguarded, with a view to opening up opportunities for the public broadcasting service in Hong Kong." was carried.

Wording of Motion and Result

18 February 2004

"Participation in public affairs by young people" moved by

Hon WONG Sing-chi

25 February 2004

"Drawing up the blueprint for Hong Kong's social welfare policies for the next decade" moved by

Hon CHAN Yuen-han

amendment moved by Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong

25 February 2004

"Immediately consulting the public on election by universal suffrage" moved by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

amendments moved by
Hon Howard YOUNG
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum

The motion: "That, as many young people participated in the march on 1 July last year, which demonstrated their increasing concern for public and social affairs, this Council urges the Government to provide additional resources for schools and social organizations so that they have adequate funding to promote civic education, and the government departments concerned should also actively encourage young people to register as voters and exercise their civic rights in elections, as well as give strong impetus to District Councils' efforts in developing youth councils as a forum for facilitating discussion of and participation in public and social affairs by young people, thereby enhancing their sense of commitment and mission towards society, as well as helping the community in nurturing leaders." was carried.

The motion as amended by Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong: "That this Council urges the Government to draw up the blueprint for the development of Hong Kong's social welfare policies for the next decade, with full participation of social service agencies, their employees, service users, the industrial and commercial sectors and the public, so as to tie in with the economic and social changes in the territory and formulate social welfare policies that meet the needs of the public." was carried.

The original motion: "That this Council regrets that the Task Force on Constitutional Development's trip to Beijing lacks transparency and urges the Government to immediately consult the public on whether the Chief Executive and all Members of the Legislative Council should be elected by universal suffrage in 2007 and 2008 respectively, collate the public's views received in an impartial manner, and accurately relay them to the Central Government." and the proposed amendments were negatived.

Wording of Motion and Result

3 March 2004

"Merger of the two railway corporations and provision of interchange concessions" moved by Hon LAU Kong-wah

amendments moved by

Hon LI Fung-ying

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee

3 March 2004

"Restoring the public's confidence in consuming live poultry" moved by
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan

amendment moved by
Hon WONG Yung-kan

The motion as amended by Hon LI Fung-ying: "That, as the Executive Council has formally invited the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation and the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited to conduct a merger study, and given that the plan will have far-reaching implications for the employees and the future fare structures of the two railway corporations, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously announce the outcome of the merger study by the two railway corporations after it has been completed before the end of August, in order to facilitate consultation with the employees of the two railway corporations and the public, and ensure that the merger will not affect the employment, conditions of work, and the rights and benefits of these employees, and will alleviate the burden of the fares on the public; furthermore, before the implementation of the merger plan, the Government should give impetus to the two railway corporations to reduce their fares and encourage them to co-operate in introducing interchange concessions expeditiously." was carried.

The original motion: "That, as the successive outbreaks of avian flu in various parts of Asia has caused the public's confidence in consuming live poultry to sag drastically, dealing a severe blow to the livelihood of those engaged in the live poultry and other related trades, this Council urges the Government, while continuing to adopt rigorous measures to prevent the outbreak of the disease, to make every effort to restore the public's confidence in consuming live poultry, and provide compassionate measures for the affected stall or shop operators, including granting discretionary rent reduction or waiver to the tenants of stalls or shops in government premises and offering low interest loans to the trades concerned, so as to tide them over the difficult times until their normal business resumes." was carried.

Wording of Motion and Result

17 March 2004

"Respecting and complying with the principles prescribed in the Basic Law" moved by

Hon James TO Kun-sun

amendment moved by Hon TAM Yiu-chung

17 March 2004

"Corporate social and environmental responsibility" moved by
Hon CHOY So-yuk

24 March 2004

"Conservation of monuments and heritage" moved by Hon CHAN Kwok-keung The original motion: "That this Council urges the Task Force on Constitutional Development to consult, in a pragmatic manner, the public on concrete proposals of constitutional reform, to avoid unnecessary arguments, causing social polarisation and instability; and to express to the Central Government that the principles prescribed in the Basic Law shall be respected and complied with in implementing constitutional reform." and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.

The motion: "That, in order to enhance Hong Kong's international image and its position as a financial centre and achieve sustainable development, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously develop a partnership relationship with the business sector, public organizations and voluntary agencies, etc., and to discuss with them to jointly formulate effective ways to implement the concept of corporate social and environmental responsibility; at the same time, the Government should direct the public sector to take the lead in implementing the relevant actions and, through extensive education and publicity, raise the public's awareness of corporate social and environmental responsibility as well as give impetus to the corporations concerned to shoulder their responsibility." was carried.

The motion: "That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously revise the relevant policies upon completion of the consultation on the Review of Built Heritage Conservation Policy; as it takes time to revise the policies, in order to prevent the monuments and heritage from destruction or demolition in the interim, the Government should provide incentives to encourage owners to retain, repair and maintain the built heritage that has conservation value; furthermore, in addition to retaining their intrinsic characteristics, the Government should consider enriching the built heritage with economic values such as to tourism and entertainment, thereby promoting local community economy that has cultural characteristics and creating job opportunities." was carried.

Wording of Motion and Result

24 March 2004

"Combating crimes relating to automatic teller machine cards and credit cards" moved by Hon LAU Kong-wah frauds and credit card thefts are rising continuously and such crimes are committed in many varied ways, dealing a heavy blow to the public's confidence in electronic banking services and to Hong Kong's tourist and retail industries, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures to secure the confidence of the public and tourists in using electronic banking services:

The motion: "That, as the numbers of automatic teller machine

- (a) deploy sufficient resources and strengthen co-operation with overseas law enforcement agencies to enhance its capability to investigate and combat such crimes;
- (b) extensively publicize the ways in which such crimes are committed to enhance the alertness and vigilance of the public and tourists; and
- (c) actively explore, in conjunction with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, banks and other card-issuing institutions, the introduction of products of new technology with more sophisticated security features to safeguard the interests of users." was carried.

21 and 22 April 2004

Motion on Adjournment moved by Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee The motion: "That the Council do now adjourn for the purpose of debating the Report by the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on whether there is a need to amend the methods for selecting the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2007 and for forming the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2008." was negatived.

5 May 2004

"Requesting the Chief Executive to submit a supplementary report to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress" moved by Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee The motion: "That this Council does not accept the report submitted by the Chief Executive ('CE') to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, and is dissatisfied with the nine factors proposed therein regarding constitutional reform, as such a move is tantamount to setting up more barricades hindering the implementation of universal suffrage in Hong Kong and hampering the development of democracy; at the same time, this Council urges the CE to consult Hong Kong people immediately and submit a supplementary report which fully reflects the opinions of the public, so as to meet Hong Kong people's expectations of electing the CE and all Legislative Council Members by universal suffrage in 2007 and 2008 respectively." was negatived.

Wording of Motion and Result

5 May 2004

"Curbing domestic violence" moved by Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

amendments moved by
Hon CHAN Yuen-han
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong

amendment to amendment moved by Hon WONG Sing-chi

12 May 2004

"The 4 June incident" moved by **Hon SZETO Wah**

12 May 2004

"Public housing rent policy" moved by Hon LAU Ping-cheung

amendments moved by
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

The motion as amended by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee and Hon WONG Sing-chi and further amended by Dr Hon TANG Siutong: "That this Council urges the Administration to make every effort to curb domestic violence, expeditiously and thoroughly review the current counselling methods, amend the Domestic Violence Ordinance, take a stronger lead in co-ordinating the efforts of various government departments and voluntary agencies, allocate more resources and optimize the use of existing resources, and step up training to enhance the ability and vigilance of front-line personnel to deal with cases of domestic violence; at the same time, the Administration should also join hands with non-governmental bodies in promoting family harmony, proper interpersonal relations and the neighbourhood spirit, so as to strengthen community support for families and stamp down domestic violence through concerted efforts." was carried.

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

The original motion: "That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously conduct a comprehensive review on the public housing rent policy, with a view to formulating a rent policy that is socially just, caring and sustainable; the scope of the review should include the definition and levels of rent, the methodology and basis for rent calculation, the adjustment mechanism, the eligibility criteria for public rental housing, the relevant vetting, monitoring and appeal mechanisms, as well as the mechanism for dealing with individual households with financial difficulties and for providing assistance to them, etc., so that public rental housing can develop steadily and benefit the people who are genuinely in need." and the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.

Wording of Motion and Result

19 May 2004

"Anti-gambling" moved by Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong

amendments moved by
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan

19 May 2004

"Regretting the decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress to rule out universal suffrage in the years 2007 and 2008" moved by Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

amendment moved by

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

The original motion: "That, as the forthcoming UEFA European Championship finals are likely to attract more people, particularly young people, to participate in football betting, this Council urges that the Administration should, in addition to strengthening its efforts in combating illegal gambling, immediately collaborate with relevant bodies and organizations to step up publicity and education, and formulate other long-term measures to foster an anti-gambling culture and prevent people from indulging in gambling; at the same time, the Administration should also allocate more resources to enhance the counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers and their families." was carried.

The original motion: "That, in view of the objection of the people of Hong Kong at large to the decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress ('NPCSC') to rule out flatly the selection of the Chief Executive by universal suffrage in the year 2007 and the election of all the Members of the Legislative Council ('LegCo') by universal suffrage in the year 2008 in Hong Kong, and to maintain the existing ratio between LegCo Members returned by functional constituencies and Members returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections, as well as the procedures of separate voting on bills and motions introduced by individual Members, this Council considers that the decision of NPCSC completely ignores Hong Kong people's general aspirations for democracy; this Council expresses regret about and dissatisfaction with such decision, and calls upon the people of Hong Kong to continue striving for democracy with all might and never give up." and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.

Wording of Motion and Result

2 June 2004

"Urging the Government to defend freedom of the press and freedom of speech" moved by

Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

amendment moved by Hon LAU Kong-wah

amendments to amendment moved by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan

2 June 2004

"Safeguarding the rights and benefits of public servants and staff of outsourced government services" moved by

Hon LEUNG Fu-wah

amendment moved by

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

The motion as amended by Hon LAU Kong-wah and further amended by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo and Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan: "That, as hosts of personal-view programmes have recently successively told the media that they are under pressure, and individual hosts have even taken themselves off the air, and the public at large are worried that freedom of the press and freedom of speech in Hong Kong are at stake, this Council expresses grave concern about this and urges the Government to expeditiously find out the truth of these incidents and take measures to ensure that members of the media and their families are free from harassment and threats of violence and to smooth out the public's worries, so as to defend such freedoms." was carried.

The motion as amended by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo: "That, as the largest employer in Hong Kong, the Government of the Special Administrative Region should set an example of a good employer to ensure that all employees of the Government and subvented organizations as well as contract staff of outsourced government services are under reasonable labour protection; to this end, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) strictly enforce the requirements of the Basic Law concerning protection of the rights and benefits of public servants;
- (b) safeguard the rights and benefits of public servants newly recruited after 1 June 2000 in accordance with the principles of fair and reasonable treatment;
- (c) draw up a reasonable and appropriate public servants establishment;
- (d) enhance the protection for contract staff employed on non-civil service contract terms and staff of subvented organizations in regard to their posts, pay and benefits; and
- (e) strictly monitor government contractors to ensure that they adopt the average wages of similar trades published in the Census and Statistics Department's Quarterly Report of Wages and Payroll Statistics as the standard of minimum allowable wage for non-skilled workers involved in outsourced government services, and fully enforce this requirement and to extend it to the outsourced services contracts of public organizations and public corporations." was carried.

Wording of Motion and Result

9 June 2004

"Demonstrating the people's power on 1 July" moved by Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

9 June 2004

"Enhancing the attractiveness of Hong Kong to tourists" moved by

Hon Howard YOUNG

amendment moved by

Hon CHAN Kam-lam

amendment to amendment moved by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee

The motion: "That this Council appeals to all the people of Hong Kong to demonstrate once again on 1 July this year the people's power and express Hong Kong people's determination to fight for universal suffrage, defend the core values of Hong Kong and improve the governance of the Government and people's livelihood." was negatived.

The motion as amended by Hon CHAN Kam-lam and further amended by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee: "That, in view of the immense efforts of Hong Kong's neighbouring territories in enhancing the attractiveness of their tourist facilities and the opening of Hong Kong Disneyland next year, this Council urges the Government to step up its external publicity in promoting Hong Kong as an international tourist centre, and to comprehensively review, enhance and strengthen the attractiveness and competitiveness of various ancillary tourist facilities so as to cater for the increasing demands of tourists; at the same time, this Council urges the Hong Kong Government to accelerate its communication with other governments in the Pan-Pearl River Delta ('PPRD') Region to materialize, as early as possible, the co-operation and development in tourism within the PPRD Region, including perfecting the transport infrastructure, improving boundarycrossing facilities and alleviating the congestion problem at the boundary, and synergize the complementary advantages of the various regions, and to reinforce Hong Kong's position as a 'cosmopolitan tourist centre' and devote all its effort to attract more tourists with high spending power to visit Hong Kong."was carried.

Wording of Motion and Result

16 June 2004

"Review of land policy" moved by Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him

amendments moved by

Hon IP Kwok-him

Hon WONG Sing-chi

16 June 2004

"Promoting Hong Kong as a world-class financial services and asset management centre" moved by Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen The motion as amended by Hon IP Kwok-him: "That, as land is a precious asset possessed by all people of Hong Kong and is also an important source of revenue for the Government, and given that the West Kowloon Cultural District development project involves substantial subsidy in the form of 40 hectares of land (as large as 50 standard soccer pitches), this Council urges the Administration to critically review its policy, which is a remnant of the colonial era, of subsidizing commercially operated infrastructural projects in the form of land, based on the principle that, apart from ensuring an adequate supply of land for public housing development and other developments compatible with the public interest, the supply of land should be determined by the market according to demands and prices, in order that the Government can, through fair market competition, gain the maximum financial benefits, avoid disorderly development and the loss of public funds, safeguard public interest and maintain market stability." was carried.

The motion: "That, to achieve the goal mentioned by the Chief Executive in this year's Policy Address to develop Hong Kong into an international financial services and asset management centre such as Switzerland, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously and widely consult the views of the industry and other sectors, and to implement a series of measures to strengthen the competitive edge of Hong Kong's financial industry, including enhancing manpower training, improving the English standard of Hong Kong people, upgrading the financial infrastructure, as well as studying the provision of more tax concessions, so as to provide the entire Asia with high value-added services in fund management, corporate investment management, personal banking, insurance sales and various investment and savings instruments." was carried.

Wording of Motion and Result

23 June 2004

"Appealing to the people to vote enthusiastically in the Legislative Council elections on 12 September" moved by

Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming

amendments moved by Hon TAM Yiu-chung Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

amendment to amendment moved by *Dr Hon YEUNG Sum*

23 June 2004

"Providing appropriate support for aspiring home owners" moved by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee

amendment moved by

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

The motion as amended by Hon TAM Yiu-chung and further amended by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum and Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan: "That this Council calls upon the people of Hong Kong to be united and to join hands with the Central Government to truly implement the policy of 'one country, two systems', 'Hong Kong people ruling Hong Kong' with 'a high degree of autonomy', so as to safeguard the cornerstones underpinning Hong Kong's success and to build a harmonious, stable and promising Hong Kong; this Council also calls upon all the people of Hong Kong to vote enthusiastically in the Legislative Council elections to be held on 12 September this year, and to elect Legislative Council Members who support the Basic Law, uphold the unity of the country, care about the future of the Chinese nation, strive for democracy and universal suffrage, uphold the core values of Hong Kong, and truly represent the interests of the Hong Kong people; this Council also urges the Electoral Affairs Commission to immediately take effective measures to ensure that electors vote freely without interference and express their demands without fear." was carried.

The original motion: "That this Council urges the Government to provide appropriate support for aspiring home owners, including expeditiously reinstating the provision of home purchase loans for people in need and formulating a long-term policy on home ownership loans, so as to help them acquire their homes." and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.

30 June 2004

"Qualifications framework for employees" moved by

Hon LI Fung-ying

amendment moved by

Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Wording of Motion and Result

The motion as amended by Hon CHAN Yuen-han: "That, as the Government has decided to establish a qualifications framework for employees in a number of industries to upgrade the competitiveness of the workforce so as to match the direction of Hong Kong's future long-term economic development, this Council urges the Government to take the following actions:

- (a) before implementing the relevant policy, comprehensively consult labour unions, business associations and relevant organizations on the formulation of the qualifications framework and details of its implementation;
- (b) develop a vocational-skills based qualifications framework in accordance with the practical situations of the trades, and study the establishment of an exemption mechanism for serving employees, so as to ensure that the qualifications framework does not create immense pressure on them; and
- (c) consider introducing other complementary measures to encourage employers to support the qualifications framework, such as offering tax concessions for employers who make arrangements for their employees to attend training and enrichment courses that meet the requirements of the qualifications framework." was carried.

Wording of Motion and Result

30 June 2004

"Promoting Pan-Pearl River Delta regional co-operation and development" moved by
Hon IP Kwok-him

amendment moved by

Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU

Yau-fun

amendment to amendment moved by *Hon SIN Chung-kai*

7 July 2004

"Report of the Select Committee" moved by

Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong

amendment moved by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum The motion as amended by Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yaufun and further amended by Hon SIN Chung-kai: "That, as the Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Co-operation Framework Agreement, signed by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, nine provinces/regions in the Pan-Pearl River Delta Region and the Macao Special Administrative Region, opens up a new scenario for economic integration and sustained development in the region and provides a more convenient and broader platform for Hong Kong's trades and industries to further expand their investments and develop markets in the Mainland, which is conducive to the development of Hong Kong's manufacturing and service industries, this Council urges the Government to attach great importance to the Agreement and grasp the business opportunities it brings about, enhance liaison with the nine provinces/regions and Macao, exert efforts to promote understanding of the Agreement among various sectors of the local business community, adopt effective measures to give impetus to the implementation and development of the Agreement, strengthen the co-operativeness in high value-added industries, and protect Hong Kong businessmen's intellectual property rights in the Mainland, so as to reinforce the further development of the local manufacturing industry and Hong Kong's position as a financial, logistics and commercial centre in the Region, as well as to facilitate the economic development of Hong Kong and create more employment opportunities." was carried.

The motion as amended by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum: "That this Council endorses the Report of the Select Committee to inquire into the handling of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome outbreak by the Government and the Hospital Authority, and condemns the former Director of Health, Dr Margaret CHAN FUNG Fu-chun." was carried.

Wording of Motion and Result

7 July 2004

"Facilitating communication between the Central Government and the prodemocracy camp in Hong Kong" moved by

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun

amendment moved by Hon SZETO Wah

7 July 2004

"Big market and small government" moved by

Hon NG Leung-sing

amendments moved by Hon SIN Chung-kai Hon CHAN Yuen-han

7 July 2004

"Valedictory Motion" moved by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee

The original motion: "That, in order to maintain the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong, this Council urges the HKSAR Government to actively facilitate better communication between the Central Government and the pro-democracy camp in Hong Kong with a view to eliminating the division and polarization in the community, and to assist the democrats, where necessary, in obtaining Home Visit Permit for Hong Kong and Macao Residents so that they can go to the Mainland to find out for themselves the economic, social and political developments etc. of our country over the years." was carried.

The motion as amended by Hon SIN Chung-kai: "That this Council urges the Government to conscientiously implement the 'big market and small government' principle of governance, with a view to achieving the following objectives:

- (a) streamlining operating structures and procedures, enhancing administrative efficiency and creating a better business environment for the various trades and industries;
- (b) preventing overlapping of functions in the provision of services by the public sector and by the relevant industries, thereby increasing investment opportunities in the market; and
- (c) ensuring that government departments make optimal use of resources, minimize wastage of public funds, and eliminate the fiscal deficit." was carried.

The motion: "That this Council concludes its work and wishes for the smooth formation of the third Legislative Council to continue to serve the people of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region." was carried

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Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing (since 21.10.2001)
Hon CHOY So-yuk
(up to 20.10.2001 and since 18.10.2003)
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan
(since 19.10.2003)
Hon WONG Sing-chi (since 20.10.2002)
Hon IP Kwok-him

Panel on Home Affairs Subcommittee to study discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Chairman)
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Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Panel on Transport Subcommittee on matters relating to railways

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Panel on Welfare Services Subcommittee to study issues relating to the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance and Social Security Allowance Schemes

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Panel on Welfare Services Subcommittee to study issues relating to the strategy and measures to prevent and tackle family violence

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Panel on Health Services
Subcommittee to monitor the
implementation of the recommendations of
the SARS Expert Committee and the
Hospital Authority Review Panel on the
SARS Outbreak

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Regulation and Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Typhoon Shelters) Regulation

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(Country of Origin) (Watches)
(Amendment) Order 2003 and Trade
Descriptions (Place of Manufacture) (PieceKnitted Garments) Notice

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Subcommittee to prepare for the appointment of the Select Committee to inquire into matters relating to the handling of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome outbreak by the Government and the Hospital Authority

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Subcommittee to consider a mechanism for handling complaints and allegations concerning Members' Operating Expenses Reimbursement Claims

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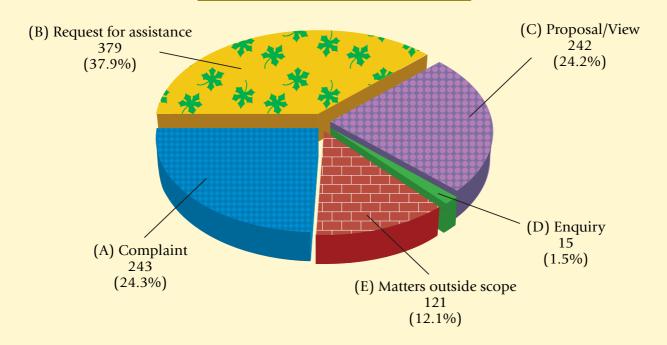
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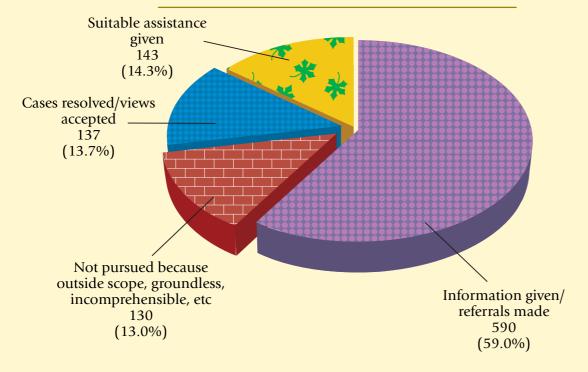
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Nature and Outcome of Case concluded under the Legislative Council Redress System in 2003-2004

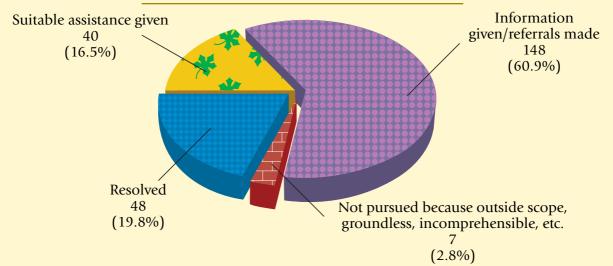
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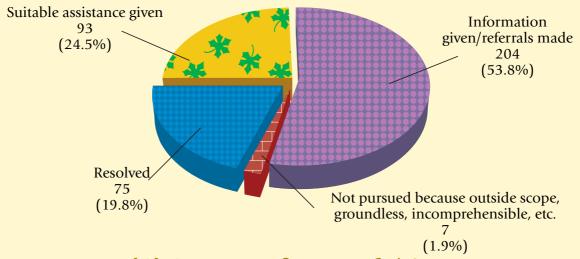
Overall outcome of concluded cases



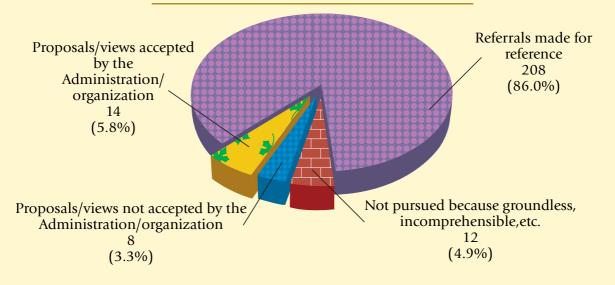
(A) Outcome of complaint cases



(B) Outcome of requests for assistance

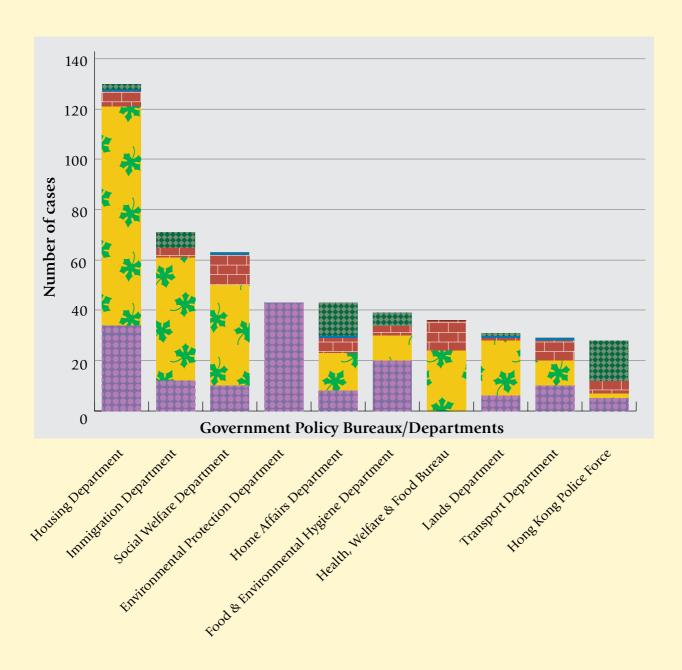


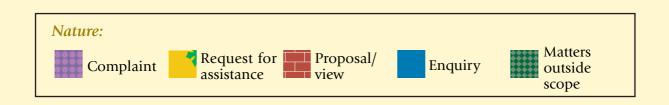
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Statistical Breakdown of Concluded Cases

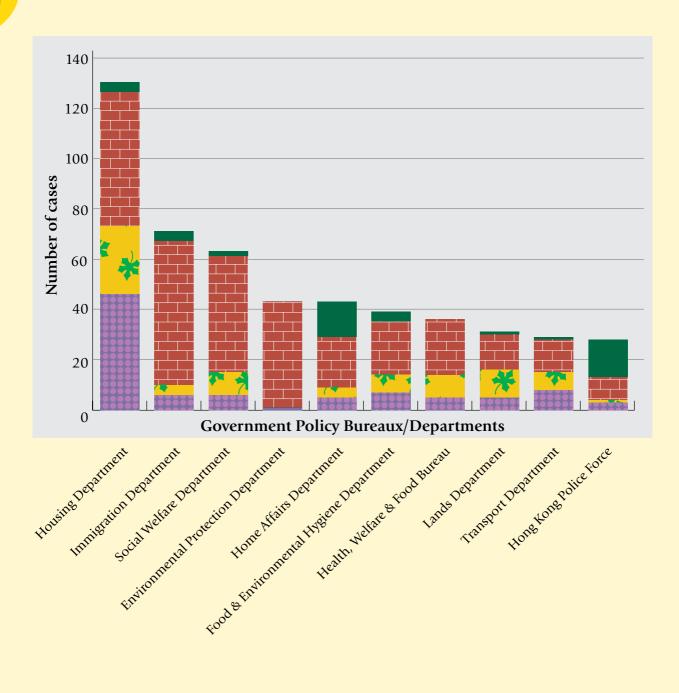
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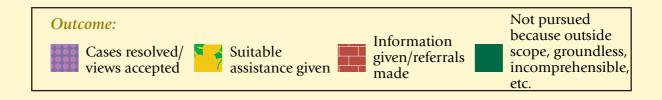




Statistical Breakdown of Concluded Cases

under the Legislative Council Redress System by Outcome by the 10 Government Policy Bureaux/Departments which Received the Largest Number of Complaints in 2003-2004





From 01-Oct-2003 to 30-Sep-2004

Statistical Breakdown of All Concluded Cases

under the Legislative Council Redress System in 2003-2004. Statistical breakdown, by Government policy bureaux/departments, independent organizations and non-government organizations, of concluded cases. Outcome A: Cases resolved/views

- B: Suitable assistance given
- C: Information given/referrals made
- D: Not pursued because outside scope, groundless, incomprehensible, etc.

Nature :		Complaint			Request for assistance					Proposal/view Enquiry				Matter outside scope				Total		
Outcome:	A B C D			D	A B C D A					B C D A B C D				A B C D						
Government policy bureaux/departments	9	6	19	0	37	21	27	2	0	0	c .	0 0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	130
HOUSING DEPARTMENT IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT	4	1	6	1	2	3	27 44	0	0		-	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	71
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT	2	1	7	0	4	7	27	2	0			0 0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	63
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT	1	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0			0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT	0	1	7	0	2	2	10	1	3	1	1	1 0	0	1	0	0	0	1	12	43
FOOD & ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE DEPARTMENT	5	4	11	0	2	3	5	0	0	0	1	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	39
HEALTH, WELFARE & FOOD BUREAU	0	0	0	0	5	7	12	0	0	2 1	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
LANDS DEPARTMENT	2	3	1	0	3	7	12	0	0	0	1	0 0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	31
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT	3	2	4	1	2	3	5	0	3	1	1	0 0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
HONG KONG POLICE FORCE	2	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	28
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT	0	5	7	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	1 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	22
EDUCATION & MANPOWER BUREAU	1	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	5	0 0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	20
ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & WORKS BUREAU	0	0	1	0	2	3	6	0	1	1	4	1 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
HOUSING, PLANNING & LANDS BUREAU	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0 1	4	1 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
SECURITY BUREAU	0	0	0	0	3	3	4	0	0	1	5	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
HOME AFFAIRS BUREAU	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	7	0 0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	14
CHIEF SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION'S OFFICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1	2	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT	1	1	5	0	0	1	3	0	0	0)	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
LEISURE & CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	1	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	11
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	_	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
LABOUR DEPARTMENT	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9
CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BUREAU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	~	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (up to 30.6.2004)	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0)	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0)	1 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LABOUR BUREAU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT	4	1	1	U	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES & CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	-	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
CUSTOMS & EXCISE DEPARTMENT	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
FINANCIAL SERVICES & THE TREASURY BUREAU	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	-	0 0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	5
LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5
REGISTRATION & ELECTORAL OFFICE	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0 0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	0	0	1 (0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY	0	1	1 (0	1	0	0	0	0	0	*	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT	0	0	1 (0	1	0	1	0	0	0	•	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
OFFICE OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & TECHNOLOGY BUREAU	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	~	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	•	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0)	1 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE PLANNING DEPARTMENT	0	1	1 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0)	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AGENCY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TELEVISION & ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
CIVIL ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (as from 1.7.2004)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CIVIL SERVICE BUREAU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
GOVERNMENT LOGISTICS DEPARTMENT (as from 1.7.2003)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	,	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AGENCY	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0)	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
INVEST HONG KONG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LAND REGISTRY	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0)	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
POST OFFICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
RATING & VALUATION DEPARTMENT	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0)	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0)	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
WORKS BUREAU (up to 30.6.2002)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sub-total	45	36	139	6	71	74	172	6	13	8 1	41	6 0	2	8	0	0	0	9	52	788
Independent organizations																				
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY	1	0	5	1	1	3	5	0	1	0	3	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	26
JUDICIARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0)	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	17
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
CONSUMER COUNCIL	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
CONSUMER LEGAL ACTION FUND	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0)	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
EMPLOYEES RETRAINING BOARD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MANDATORY PROVIDENT FUND SCHEMES AUTHORITY	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0)	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SECURITIES & FUTURES COMMISSION	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0)	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL	0	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	-		0 0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1
Sub-total	1	2	5	1	3	4	7	1	1	0)	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	55
Non-government organizations																				
NON-GOVERNMENT	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0 5	2	6 0	0	2	2	0	0	8	29	103
HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY	2	0	1	0	1	5	10	0	0)	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
CHINESE MEDICINE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION	0	0		0	0	1	1	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH COUNCIL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	~	0 0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sub-total	2	2		0	1	15	25	0	0		-	6 0	0	3	2	0		8	31	157
Total	48	40	148	7	75	93	204	7	14	8 2	08 1	2 0	2	11	2	0	0	19	102	1000

The Legislative Council Commission

and its Committees

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMISSION

Terms of Reference

- 1. To provide through the Secretariat administrative support and services to the Council;
- 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 IP Kwok-him

Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (Chairman)
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-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

Committee on Personnel Matters

Terms of Reference

- 1. 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;
- To approve appointments including acting appointments with a view to promotion of officers at Chief Council 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
- 5. To monitor the progress and developments relating to the above items.

Membership

Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (Chairman)
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming
Hon Margaret NG
Hon Bernard CHAN
Hon Howard YOUNG
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing
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 Miriam LAU Kin-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

Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (Chairman)
Hon NG Leung-sing
Hon HUI Cheung-ching
Hon Howard YOUNG
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing
Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong
Hon IP Kwok-him

Task Force on New Legislative Council Building

Terms of Reference

To assist The Legislative Council Commission in drawing up the planning and design parameters and the detailed user requirements for the new Legislative Council Complex, and in other matters relating to the planning and construction of the new Complex.

Membership

Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (Chairman)
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Hon HUI Cheung-ching
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing
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Organization Chart of the Legislative Council Secretariat

(as at 30 June 2004)

