

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 5

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 30 October 2002 at 2:30 pm

Members present:

President

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

The Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP

The Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP

Dr the Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP

The Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

The Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Ir Dr the Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP

The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

The Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP

The Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP

The Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

Dr the Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP

The Hon NG Leung-sing, JP

The Hon Margaret NG

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

The Hon James TO Kun-sun

The Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

The Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP
The Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
The Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
The Hon Bernard CHAN, JP
The Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP
The Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
The Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
The Hon SIN Chung-kai
The Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Dr the Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong
The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
The Hon Howard YOUNG, JP
Dr the Hon YEUNG Sum
The Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS
The Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
The Hon LAU Kong-wah
The Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP
The Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP
The Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP
The Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
The Hon CHOY So-yuk
The Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
The Hon SZETO Wah
Dr the Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
The Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Dr the Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP
The Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP

The Hon LI Fung-ying, JP
The Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP
The Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
The Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung
The Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
The Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP
Dr the Hon LO Wing-lok
The Hon WONG Sing-chi
The Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee
The Hon IP Kwok-him, JP
The Hon LAU Ping-cheung
The Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
The Hon MA Fung-kwok, JP

Members absent:

Dr the Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP
The Hon WONG Yung-kan
The Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP

Public officers attending:

The Hon Donald TSANG Yam-kuen, GBM, JP
The Chief Secretary for Administration
The Hon Antony LEUNG Kam-chung, GBS, JP
The Financial Secretary
The Hon Elsie LEUNG Oi-sie, GBM, JP
The Secretary for Justice
Dr the Hon YEOH Eng-kiong, JP
Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food
The Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP
Secretary for Security

The Hon Stephen IP Shu-kwan, GBS, JP
Secretary for Economic Development and Labour

Dr the Hon Sarah LIAO Sau-tung, JP
Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Clerks in attendance:

Mr Ricky FUNG Choi-cheung, JP, Secretary General

Mr LAW Kam-sang, JP, Deputy Secretary General

Mr Ray CHAN Yum-mou, Assistant Secretary General (3)

Tabling of Papers

The following papers were laid on the table pursuant to Rule 21(2) of the Rules of Procedure:

<u>Subsidiary Legislation / Instruments</u>	<u>L.N. No.</u>
1. Karaoke Establishments (Licensing) Regulation (gazetted on 25.10.2002)	153/2002
2. Karaoke Establishments (Fees) Regulation (gazetted on 25.10.2002)	154/2002
3. Aviation Security Ordinance (Replacement of Schedule 1) Order 2002 (gazetted on 25.10.2002)	155/2002
4. Shipping and Port Control (Amendment) Regulation 2002 (L.N. 117 of 2002) (Commencement) Notice 2002 (gazetted on 25.10.2002)	156/2002
5. Patents (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2002 (gazetted on 25.10.2002)	157/2002

Other Papers

- No.11 - Environment and Conservation Fund Trustee Report 2001-2002 (published on 24.10.2002)
- No.12 - Audited Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report for the Fish Marketing Organization for the year ended 31 March 2002 (published on 28.10.2002)
- No.13 - Audited Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report for the Vegetable Marketing Organization for the year ended 31 March 2002 (published on 28.10.2002)
- No.14 - Marine Fish Scholarship Fund Trustee's Report for the period from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002, and Audited Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report for the Fund for the year ended 31 March 2002 (published on 28.10.2002)
- No.15 - Agricultural Products Scholarship Fund Trustee's Report for the period from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002, and Audited Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report for the Fund for the year ended 31 March 2002 (published on 28.10.2002)
- No.16 - Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Report of the Board of Trustees for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002 (published on 28.10.2002)

- No.17 - Ocean Park Corporation
Annual Report 2001-2002 (published on 30.10.2002)
- No.18 - Hongkong Post
Annual Report 2001/02 (published on 28.10.2002)

Address

Hon Henry WU, a Board Member of the Ocean Park Corporation, addressed the Council on the Ocean Park Corporation Annual Report 2001-2002.

Questions

1. Hon Miriam LAU asked Question 1.

The Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works replied.

Seven Members asked supplementaries. The Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works and the Secretary for Economic Development and Labour replied.
2. Hon CHOY So-yuk asked Question 2.

The Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works replied.

Five Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works replied.
3. Hon Bernard CHAN asked Question 3.

The Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food replied.

Five Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food replied.
4. Hon Abraham SHEK asked Question 4.

The Secretary for Security replied.

Eight Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Security replied.

5. Dr Hon LO Wing-lok asked Question 5.

The Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food replied.

Eight Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food replied.

6. Hon LAU Kong-wah asked Question 6.

The Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works replied.

Six Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works replied.

Written replies to Questions 7 to 20 were tabled for Members' information.

Members' Motions

Transport needs of people with disabilities

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

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

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

Question on the motion proposed.

Hon Bernard CHAN spoke on the motion.

After Hon Bernard CHAN had spoken, the President left the chair at 4:42 pm temporarily and the President's Deputy, Hon Mrs Selina CHOW, took the chair.

Another 17 Members and the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works spoke on the motion.

At 6:20 pm, while the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works was speaking, the President resumed the chair.

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung replied.

Question on the motion put and agreed to.

Developing renewable energy resources

Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

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

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

Question on the motion proposed.

Seven Members and the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works spoke on the motion.

Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong replied.

Question on the motion put and agreed to.

Next Meeting

The President declared that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 6 November 2002 at 2:30 pm.

The Council was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

(Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai)
President

Council Chamber
Hong Kong