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House Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 7th meeting
held in the Legislative Council Chamber
at 2:30 pm on Friday, 21 November 2003**

Members present :

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, JP (Chairman)
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP
Hon NG Leung-sing, JP
Hon Margaret NG
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung, JP
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon SZETO Wah
Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP

Hon LI Fung-ying, JP
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP
Hon LAU Ping-cheung
Hon MA Fung-kwok, JP

Members absent :

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP
Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, GBS, JP
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP
Hon Bernard CHAN, JP
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok, JP
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

Clerk in attendance :

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| Mrs Justina LAM | Clerk to the House Committee |
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Staff in attendance :

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| Mr Ricky C C FUNG, JP | Secretary General |
| Mr Jimmy MA, JP | Legal Adviser |
| Mr LAW Kam-sang, JP | Deputy Secretary General |

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| Ms Pauline NG | Assistant Secretary General 1 |
| Mr Ray CHAN | Assistant Secretary General 3 |
| Mr LEE Yu-sung | Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1 |
| Mr Arthur CHEUNG | Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2 |
| Mrs Vivian KAM | Principal Assistant Secretary (Complaints) |
| Miss Kathleen LAU | Chief Public Information Officer |
| Mrs Constance LI | Chief Assistant Secretary (2)5 |
| Mrs Betty LEUNG | Chief Assistant Secretary (3)1 |
| Miss Kitty CHENG | Assistant Legal Adviser 5 |
| Miss Lolita SHEK | Senior Assistant Secretary (2)7 |

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I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 6th meeting held on 14 November 2003
(LC Paper No. CB(2) 349/03-04)

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

Report by the Chairman on her meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration (CS)

2. The Chairman said that she had advised CS that the scrutiny period for the three Commencement Notices under Chinese Medicine Ordinance, Chinese Medicine (Fees) Regulation and Chinese Medicines Regulation would be extended to 17 December 2003 to allow time for the Administration to consider repealing the Commencement Notices.

3. The Chairman said that CS had pointed out that legislating for Chinese medicine had taken a number of years, and some Legislative Council Members and the trade had urged the Administration to expedite action. The Administration had no intention to defer the commencement date of the legislation concerned. The Administration would co-operate as far as possible by providing any necessary information requested by Members.

4. The Chairman added that the Subcommittee had scheduled a meeting for Friday, 28 November 2003 to meet with the trade and the Administration.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 14 November 2003 and tabled in Council on 19 November 2003
(LC Paper No. LS 16/03-04)

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5. The Legal Adviser said that there were three items of subsidiary legislation, including two Commencement Notices, gazetted on 14 November 2003 and tabled in Council on 19 November 2003.

6. Members did not raise any queries on these three items of subsidiary legislation.

7. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for amending these items of subsidiary legislation was 17 December 2003, or 7 January 2004, if extended by resolution.

IV. Business for the Council meeting on 3 December 2003

(a) Questions

(LC Paper No. CB(3) 170/03-04)

8. The Chairman said that 20 questions (six oral and 14 written) had been scheduled for the Council meeting on 3 December 2003.

(b) Bills - First Reading and moving of Second Reading

**Employees Compensation Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments)
Bill 2003**

9. The Chairman said that the Administration had given notice to introduce the above Bill into the Council on 3 December 2003. The House Committee would consider the Bill at its meeting on 5 December 2003.

(c) Government motion

10. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.

(d) Members' motions

(i) Motion on "Education policy"

(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 183/03-04 dated 20 November 2003.)

(ii) Motion on "Improving the competitiveness of Hong Kong's container freight industry"

(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 184/03-04 dated 20 November 2003.)

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11. The Chairman said that the above motions would be moved by Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong and Mr Kenneth TING respectively, and the wording of their motions had been issued to Members.

12. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the motions was Wednesday, 26 November 2003.

V. Advance information on business for the Council meeting on 10 December 2003

Bills - First Reading and moving of Second Reading

Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill 2003

13. The Chairman said that the Administration had given notice to introduce the above Bill into the Council on 10 December 2003. The House Committee would consider the Bill at its meeting on 12 December 2003.

VI. Position on Bills Committees/subcommittees
(LC Paper No. CB(2) 373/03-04)

14. The Chairman said that there were 15 Bills Committees and five subcommittees in action, as well as four Bills Committees on the waiting list.

VII. Any other business

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:36 pm.