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Panel on Economic Services

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 9 October 2003, at 10:10 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, GBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, JP
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP

Members absent : Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP
Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, GBS, JP
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP

Clerk in attendance : Mr Andy LAU
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)2

Staff in attendance : Ms Debbie YAU
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)1

Ms Alice AU
Senior Assistant Secretary(1)5

Miss Winnie CHENG
Legislative Assistant 5

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Mr James TIEN, Chairman of the Panel in office, chaired the meeting and invited nominations for the chairmanship. Mr James TIEN was nominated by Mr LAU Chin-shek and the nomination was seconded by Mr Henry WU and Ms CHOY So-yuk. As Mr James TIEN was nominated for the chairmanship, Mrs Selina CHOW, the member who had the highest precedence among attending members of the Panel, presided over the election of Chairman. Mr TIEN accepted the nomination.

2. There being no other nomination, Mrs Selina CHOW declared that Mr James TIEN was elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2003-2004 session.

3. Mr James TIEN took over the chair and called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship. The Chairman nominated Dr LUI Ming-wah and the nomination was seconded by Mr LAU Chin-shek. The Chairman said that Dr LUI, who was attending another meeting, had confirmed his acceptance of the nomination.

4. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Dr LUI Ming-wah was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2003-2004 session.

II Schedule of meetings for the 2003-2004 session

5. Members agreed that regular meetings of the Panel for the 2003-2004 session would normally be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:45 am. However, for the meetings in December 2003 and January 2004, members agreed to reschedule the meetings to 16 December 2003 at 2:30 pm and 15 January 2004 at 4:30 pm respectively.

(Post-meeting note: Members had been informed of the schedule of Panel meetings for the 2003-2004 session vide LC Paper No. CB(1)29/03-04 issued on 10 October 2003.)

III Discussion items for next meetings

(Appendix V of LC Paper No. CB(1)6/03-04 -	List of outstanding items for discussion
Appendix VI of LC Paper No. CB(1)6/03-04 -	List of follow-up actions

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Appendix VII of LC Paper No. CB(1)6/03-04 - Letters from Hon Fred LI on items for discussion; and

Appendix VIII of LC Paper No. CB(1)6/03-04 - List of items for discussion proposed by the Administration)

6. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the next meeting to be held on 27 October 2003 as suggested by the Administration:

- (a) Progress report on the Global Tourism Revival Campaign;
- (b) Progress update on Hong Kong Disneyland; and
- (c) Post Office - Delivery Beat Review.

7. Referring to his letters vide Appendix VII to LC paper No. CB(1)6/03-04, Mr Fred LI suggested the Panel to follow up on the following items:

- (a) The report published by Consumer Council regarding the state of competition in the foodstuffs and household necessities retailing sector in Hong Kong, in particular the competition between supermarkets and wet markets.
- (b) "Guidelines to maintain a competitive environment and define and tackle anti-competitive practices" promulgated by the Competition Policy Advisory Group.

8. Members agreed to discuss the items at the meeting to be held on 24 November 2003.

9. Mr Abraham SHEK proposed to invite the Financial Secretary (FS) to brief the Panel on the overall economic development of Hong Kong. Mrs Selina CHOW pointed out that as macro economic issues and measures to revive and revitalize the economy straddled across the terms of reference of the three economy-related panels (i.e. Panel on Commerce and Industry, Panel on Financial Affairs and Panel on Economic Services), it might not be appropriate for the Panel on Economic Services to take up the related matters. Rather, FS should be invited to brief the House Committee instead.

10. Members noted that it was the current practice that the Panel on Financial Affairs would take the lead to invite FS to brief Members on macro economic issues such as overall economic performance, measures to revive and revitalize the economy, etc. on a periodic basis. The Panel on Economic Services should continue to monitor the development of economic infrastructure and services, including tourism-related matters.

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11. Whilst noting that the Panel on Financial Affairs would hold a meeting on 11 October 2003 to receive a briefing by FS on progress of the campaign to re-launch Hong Kong's economy after the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, members raised no objection to the Administration's proposal to brief the Panel separately on the progress of the Global Tourism Revival Campaign at the forthcoming meeting to be held on 27 October 2003.

IV Any other business

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:30 am.

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