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Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 9 October 2003, at 11:10 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon SIN Chung-kai (Chairman)
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon MA Fung-kwok, JP

Members absent : Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, GBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung, JP
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP

Clerk in attendance : Miss Polly YEUNG
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)3

Staff in attendance : Ms Pauline NG
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Debbie YAU
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)1

Mr S C TSANG
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)7

Ms Caris CHAN
Senior Legislative Assistant 1

Miss Fanny LEUNG
Legislative Assistant 1

Ms Sharon CHAN
Legislative Assistant 6

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Mr SIN Chung-kai, Chairman of the Panel in office, chaired the meeting and invited nominations for the chairmanship. Mr SIN Chung-kai was nominated by Mr CHAN Wai-yip and seconded by Dr LAW Chi-kwong. As Mr SIN was nominated for the chairmanship and accepted the nomination, Mr Howard YOUNG, Deputy Chairman of the Panel in office, presided over the election of Chairman.

2. There being no other nomination, Mr Howard YOUNG declared that Mr SIN Chung-kai was elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2003-2004 session.

3. Mr SIN Chung-kai took the chair and called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr Howard YOUNG was nominated by Dr LAW Chi-kwong and seconded by Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung. Mr YOUNG accepted the nomination.

4. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Mr Howard YOUNG 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 the regular monthly meetings of the Panel would be held on the second Monday of each month at 2:30 pm except for October 2003 and April 2004 which were rescheduled to be held on Thursday, 23 October 2003 at 2:30 pm and Monday, 19 April 2004 at 8:30 am respectively.

(Post-meeting note: Panel members have been informed of the schedule of Panel meetings for the 2003-2004 session vide LC Paper No. CB(1)43/03-04 issued on 10 October 2003.)

III. Discussion items for next meeting

(LC Paper No. CB(1)10/03-04
Appendix V

- List of outstanding items for discussion

LC Paper No. CB(1)10/03-04
Appendix VI

- List of follow-up actions

LC Paper No. CB(1)20/03-04(01)
(*tabled at the meeting and circulated to members on 10 October 2003*)

- "Hosting of International Telecom Union - Telecom World 2006" provided by the Administration)

6. Members agreed to discuss the following agenda items at the next Panel meeting to be held on 23 October 2003:

- (a) "Consultation paper on draft merger guideline for Hong Kong telecommunication markets"
 - originally scheduled for discussion at the special Panel meeting on 29 September 2003 but was deferred at the request of the telecommunication operators; and
- (b) "Proposal to host the International Telecommunication Union TELECOM WORLD 2006"
 - a funding proposal to be submitted to the Finance Committee.

7. Members also decided to discuss the following items at the Panel meeting to be held on 10 November 2003:

- (a) "Building a digitally inclusive information society and related issues"
 - proposed by Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong in connection with the World Summit on Information Society; and
- (b) "Public consultation paper on 2004 Digital 21 Strategy"
 - proposed by the Administration.

8. On 7(a), members also agreed that deputations which had submitted views to the Panel on issues related to "digital divide" would be invited to attend the meeting. A general notice inviting submissions from the public would also be posted on the website of the Council.

(*post-meeting note: (a) The agenda of the two meetings on 23 October and 10 November 2003 have subsequently been revised vide LC Paper No. CB(1)78/03-04; and (b) The Panel has posted a general notice on the web site of the Council on the Internet to invite submissions. It has also written to 14 organizations, including the social service sector and IT-related bodies, inviting them to provide written submissions and attend the meeting on 10 November 2003 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)81/03-04(01).)*)

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:30 am.

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