Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting <u>List of follow-up actions</u>

(position as at 5 November 2003)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. The Cyberport Project	9.7.01, 8.2.02 & 8.4.02	The Administration to provide information on: - the tenancy position and profiles of the Cyberport tenants in due course;	
	8.2.02	- the funding arrangements for the Cyberport Institute; and	
	8.4.02 28.7.03	- the financing arrangements of the Cyberport and changes, if any;	The Administration will continue to update the Panel in future progress reports.
	8.7.02	 the selection arrangements for the supermarket in the Cyberport; the number of tenancy applications for each of Phases CIA, CIB, CII and CIII; existing/past office space occupied by the tenant companies vis-à-vis space in Cyberport on an aggregate basis; and the number of employees employed by the tenant companies in an aggregate basis. 	
	28.1.03	- the Administration to provide further information on the proposed Digital Media Centre, including the charging schedule of the services to be provided by it.	1

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2. Review of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance (COIAO)	8.5.00 & 20.6.00	The Administration to consider the views of members and deputations and to report to the Panel the finalized proposals in due course.	The Administration to report to the Panel when ready.
3. Consultation paper on draft merger guidelines for Hong Kong telecommunication markets (the Guidelines)	23.10.03	The Consumer Council was requested to forward their considered views to the Panel regarding the industry's concern on safe harbours and failing firms provisions in the Guidelines. The Administration to:	study the issues and provide
		 (a) provide a detailed response to the views of members and deputations raised at the meeting and in the submissions, in particular industry's concerns on safe harbours, failing firms and public benefits provisions in the Guidelines. (b) confirm whether there would be a second-round consultation on the Guidelines. 	*
4. International Telecommuniation Union (ITU) Telecom World 2006 (World 2006)	23.10.03	The Administration to include the following information in the paper to be submitted to the Finance Committee in seeking funding approval: (a) the number of participants and actual expenditures of ITU Telecom Asia 2000 and ITU Telecom Asia 2002 (Asia 2000 and Asia 2002), the economic benefits brought to Hong Kong by each of the past two regional events, whether it was possible to advise on the cost-effectiveness of the events, as well as	The Administration to provide the relevant information in its submission to the Finance Committee.

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		further details of the estimated direct economic benefits of some \$1.2 billion brought to Hong Kong by World 2006. (b) details of the project teams for assisting the ITU in hosting Asia 2000, Asia 2002 and World 2006 (if the bid was successful) in Hong Kong.	
5. 2004 Digital 21 Strategy	23.10.03	The Administration to take note of members' views for consideration: (a) setting up a dedicated working group for the purpose of consulting the telecommunications sector in connection with access to the Mainland market in the ensuing Phases of CEPA. (b) Computers for public use should preferably be made available in districts where the residents were less well-off.	The Administration to note.
		The Administration to include a comparison between Hong Kong and other advanced economies in respect of the rate of adoption of information and communication technologies when reporting to members the results of the annual thematic surveys on IT usage and penetration in household and business sectors.	The Administration to include the information accordingly.

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