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**Panel on Home Affairs**

**Minutes of meeting  
held on Tuesday, 12 October 2004 at 12:00 noon  
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP (Chairman)  
Hon TAM Heung-man (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS  
Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP  
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH  
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung  
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP  
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
- Member absent** : Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
- Clerk in attendance** : Miss Flora TAI  
Chief Council Secretary (2)2
- Staff in attendance** : Mrs Justina LAM  
Assistant Secretary General 2

Ms Joanne MAK  
Senior Council Secretary (2)2

Mr Stanley MA  
Senior Council Secretary (2)6

Miss Sherman WOO  
Legislative Assistant (2)2

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### **I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

Dr Philip WONG, as presiding member of the meeting, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr Tommy CHEUNG was nominated by Miss CHOY So-yuk and the nomination was seconded by Mr LAU Wong-fat. Mr Tommy CHEUNG accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, Dr Philip WONG declared Mr Tommy CHEUNG elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2004-2005 session. Mr Tommy CHEUNG then took the chair.

2. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Miss TAM Heung-man was nominated by Mr Albert CHAN and the nomination was seconded by Miss CHOY So-yuk. Miss TAM Heung-man accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Miss TAM Heung-man elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2004-2005 session.

### **II. Schedule of meetings for the 2004-2005 session**

3. Members agreed that the regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the second Friday of each month at 10:45 am. As the second Friday in February 2005 was a public holiday, members agreed to hold the regular meeting in that month on 4 February 2005.

### **III. Discussion items for next meeting**

4. Members noted the “List of issues suggested to be considered” and the “List of follow-up actions” which were tabled at the meeting. Members agreed to adopt the lists as the “List of outstanding items for discussion” and the “List of follow-up actions” respectively for the Panel.

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5. Mr James TO suggested that the Administration should be invited to brief the Panel at the next meeting on the Consultation Paper entitled “Legislating against Racial Discrimination” published by the Home Affairs Bureau in September 2004. He considered that the Administration should be requested to explain why the scope of application of the proposed legislation was seemingly narrower than that in the original proposal put forward by the Administration in the first round of public consultation.

6. Ms Emily LAU expressed support for Mr James TO’s suggestion. She further suggested that the Panel should schedule another meeting to receive views from deputations on the Consultation Paper. Members agreed.

7. Miss CHOY So-yuk said that while the Administration had planned to select developers for the Central heritage complex project through a public tendering exercise, it had granted a site in Stanley free of charge to an organization to operate a fee-charging horticultural park. Miss CHOY said that the issues were related to item 2 on “Grant of land at a nominal land premium to private groups or organizations” and item 11 on “Review of built heritage conservation policy” on the “List of outstanding items for discussion”. The Chairman pointed out that the proposal to build a horticultural park in Stanley fell under the purview of the Housing Authority. Miss CHOY said that the way the Government handled these two matters was inconsistent. She added that there was urgency to discuss the Central heritage complex project.

8. Ms Emily LAU expressed support for discussing the review of built heritage conservation policy at the next meeting. Ms LAU suggested that Miss CHOY So-yuk’s concerns about the Central heritage complex project could be raised with the Administration during the discussion of the review.

9. After discussion, members agreed to discuss the following items at the next regular meeting to be held on Friday, 12 November 2004 at 10:45 am –

- (a) Consultation Paper entitled “Legislating against Racial Discrimination”; and
- (b) review of built heritage conservation policy.

10. Members further agreed to hold a special meeting on Saturday, 11 December 2004 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon to meet with deputations and the Administration on the Consultation Paper.

Items proposed for inclusion in the “List of outstanding items for discussion”

11. Miss TAM Heung-man said that a major property management company had closed down in the previous year causing financial losses to property owners concerned. She pointed out that at present a property

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management company was only required to apply for business registration to operate and property owners had little protection under the existing regulatory system. She suggested that the Panel should discuss with the Administration the need to regulate property management companies by legislation.

12. Miss TAM Heung-man further said that a group of professionals and academics had initiated a declaration on safeguarding Hong Kong's core values around May/June 2004. She pointed out that the Chief Executive had also met with the group in June 2004 to hear their views. She suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject of upholding Hong Kong's core values at a future meeting.

13. Referring to item 2 on the "List of follow-up actions", Mr Albert CHAN proposed that the Panel should discuss the promotion of creative industries at a future meeting as he considered that the Administration had made little progress in this regard.

14. In response to Mr Albert HO, the Clerk said that the three-member panel of inquiry to investigate the incidents relating to the Equal Opportunities Commission was required to submit its report by 15 February 2005. Mr HO suggested adding this item to the "List of outstanding items for discussion".

Clerk

15. Referring to item 14 on the "List of outstanding items for discussion", Ms Emily LAU suggested that the Panel should further discuss the review of advisory and statutory bodies at its regular meeting in December 2004. She also suggested that the Administration should be given early notice to facilitate its preparation for the discussion.

Clerk

16. The Panel agreed that members' suggestions as stated in paragraphs 11 to 15 above should be incorporated into the "List of outstanding items for discussion".

17. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:20 pm.

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