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**Bills Committee on
Race Discrimination Bill**

**Minutes of meeting
held on Saturday, 3 March 2007, at 9:00 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Margaret NG (Chairman)
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
Hon TAM Heung-man
- Members absent** : Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, SBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon Bernard CHAN, GBS, JP
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, SBS, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

Public Officers attending : Mr Donald TONG
Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs(1)

Mr Victor NG
Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs(4)

Miss Betty CHEUNG
Senior Government Counsel

Miss Shandy LIU
Senior Government Counsel

Miss LAI Yuen-man
Senior Government Counsel (Ag.)

Attendance by invitation : Session I

Hong Kong Unison

Miss Fermi WONG
Executive Director

Miss Rebecca LUI
Project Officer

Employers' Federation of Hong Kong

Mr Duncan ABATE

Ms Jodi KOON
Senior Director

Society for Community Organization

Miss SZE Lai-shan
Community Organizer

New Immigrants' Mutual Aid Association

Ms CHAN Kwai-chun
Executive Member

Democratic Party

Mr Mark LI
Chairman, Hong Kong Island Branch

Hong Kong Integrated Nepalese Society

Mr THAPA Buddhi Bahadur
Chairman

Mr Chura THAPA
Member

Mr Y. K CHONG
Solicitor

Pakistan Islamic Welfare Union Inc.
(HK) Ltd

Mr Khan Muhammad MALIK
Chairman

Alliance of Returning Chinese from Overseas against
Discrimination

Dr WAN Sek-luen
Convener

Mr Johnny SO C.M.
Member

Dr KEEZHANGATTE James Joseph
Honorary Lecturer, Department of Social Work &
Social Administration , The University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Human Rights Commission

Miss Annie LIN
Community Organizer

Mrs Pabitra RAI

Voices of the Rights of Asylum Seekers and Refugees

John
Spokesperson

The Coalition for Migrants Rights

Ms Nurul QOIRIAH
Program Coordinator

Filipino Domestic Helpers General Union

Ms Aster SUGUITAN
Executive Committee Member

Indonesian Migrant Workers Union

Ms Eni YUNIARTI
Secretary General

The Hong Kong Coalition of
Indonesian Migrant Worker Organization

Ms SUMIATI
Officer

Far East Overseas Nepalese Association

Mr Prem Candra RAI
Coordinator

Hong Kong Christian Service

Ms Sita LIMBU
Programme Worker

Ms Karrie CHAN
Project Leader

Session II

HK SKH Lady Maclehorse Centre

Miss Nora WONG Fuk-nga
Unit-in-Charge

Miss Zohera

Azir KHAN (Translator)

Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor

Mr LAW Yuk-kai
Director

International Social Service - Hong Kong Branch

Mr Stephen YAU
Chief Executive

Ms Adrielle PANARES
Director of Development /
Migrants Programme Coordinator

Professor G G WANG
City University of Hong Kong, School of Law

Alliance Progressive Labor

Mrs Silvia TORRES
Program Officer

New Territories General Chamber of Commerce

Dr Sam WONG
Chairman

Luen Woo Chamber of Commerce

Mr TAM Kin-keung
Chairman

Association of Mainland Overseas Returned Scholars in
Hong Kong

Dr Richard HU Weixing
Executive Vice President

Equal Opportunities Commission

Mr Herman POON
Chief Legal Counsel

Christian Action

Ms Devi NOVIANTI
Manager, Domestic Helpers and Migrant Workers
Programme

Mr Limbu RUPEN

Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce

Mr David O'REAR
Chief Economist

Mr Gerry MA
Chairman, SME Committee HKGCC

Association of Indonesian Migrants
Workers in Hong Kong

Ms Eni LESTARI

Civic Party

Mr Bill LAY Yan-piau
Member of Executive Committee

Mr John SHANNON
Member

The British Chamber of Commerce in HK

Mr Christopher HAMMERBECK
Executive Director

Ms Jo WILSON
Chair of Business Policy Unit

United Filipinos in Hong Kong

Ms Cynthia CARIDAD A. TELLEZ

Ms Dowres BALLADARES
Chairperson

Hong Kong Against Racial Discrimination

Ms Vandana RAJWANI
Spokesperson
and member of Committee on the Promotion of Racial
Harmony

Clerk in attendance : Miss Flora TAI
Chief Council Secretary (2)2

Staff in attendance : Mr KAU Kin-wah
Assistant Legal Adviser 6

Ms Joanne MAK
Senior Council Secretary (2)2

Ms Anna CHEUNG
Legislative Assistant (2)2

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I. Meeting with deputations and the Administration

The Bills Committee received views from a total of 34 individuals and organisations attending the meeting (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Admin 2. The Administration was requested to provide a detailed written response to all the submissions made by deputations, including their views expressed at the meeting and in writing. The Administration was also requested to follow

Admin up immediately on the complaints made by deputations that ethnic minorities were unable to receive appropriate medical treatment due to language problem.

Clerk 3. The Clerk was requested to prepare a summary of issues raised by deputations for members' reference.

Information to be provided by the Administration

Admin 4. The Administration was requested to provide -

(a) a paper comparing the scope and exemptions of the Bill with those in overseas legislation against racial discrimination;

(b) information and figures on the number of complaints lodged by ethnic minorities to the Administration and other public organisations in the past few years about failures of public

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hospitals/clinics to provide translation services to cater for non-Chinese speaking service users; and

- (c) information on any public organisations/government departments which only used Chinese in their provision of services to the public.

II. Any other business

Date of next meeting

- 5. Members noted that the next meeting would be held on Friday, 23 March 2007, at 8:30 am.
- 6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:55 pm.

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**Proceedings of the meeting of Bills Committee on
Race Discrimination Bill
on Saturday, 3 March 2007, at 9:00 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject	Action required
000000 - 000443	Chairman	Opening remarks of session I	
000444 - 000917	Hong Kong Unison	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1226/06-07(01)]	
000918 - 001323	Employers' Federation of Hong Kong	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1202/06-07(01)]	
001324 - 001805	Society for Community Organization	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1168/06-07(01)]	
001806 - 002209	New Immigrants' Mutual Aid Association	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1168/06-07(01) and CB(2)1226/06-07(02)]	
002210 - 002532	Democratic Party	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1226/06-07(03)]	
002533 - 002923	Hong Kong Integrated Nepalese Society	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1168/06-07(02)]	
002924 - 003341	Mr Y. K. CHONG	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1219/06-07(01) and CB(2)1226/06-07(04)]	
003342 - 003756	Pakistan Islamic Welfare Union Inc. (HK) Ltd	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1168/06-07(03)]	
003757 - 004146	Alliance of Returning Chinese from Overseas against Discrimination	Presentation of views	
004147 - 004623	Dr KEEZHANGATTE James Joseph	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1243/06-07(01)]	
004624 - 005031	Hong Kong Human Rights Commission	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1168/06-07(01)]	
005032 - 005301	Voices of the Rights of Asylum Seekers and Refugees	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1168/06-07(01) and CB(2)1226/06-07(02)]	
005302 - 005738	The Coalition for Migrants Rights	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1226/06-07(05)]	
005739 - 005940	Filipino Domestic Helpers General Union	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1226/06-07(05)]	

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005941 - 010250	Indonesian Migrant Workers Union	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1226/06-07(05)]	
010251 - 010623	The Hong Kong Coalition of Indonesian Migrant Worker Organization	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1226/06-07(05)]	
010624 - 011035	Far East Overseas Nepalese Association	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1226/06-07(05)]	
011036 - 011458	Hong Kong Christian Service	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1226/06-07(06)]	
011459 - 015012	Chairman, Mr Howard YOUNG, Mr Khan Muhammad MALIK, Ms Fermi WONG, Ms Emily LAU, Mr Y K CHONG, Dr Fernando CHEUNG, Mr Chura THAPA, Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, Ms SUMIATI, Dr YEUNG Sum, Miss Chan Yuen-han, Mr Prem Candra RAI, Mr Martin LEE, Mr Albert CHAN, Miss TAM Heung-man, Mr Duncan ABATE, Ms LI Fung-ying, and Ms Nurul QOIRIAH.	Discussion	Admin to provide comparison table on the Bill and relevant legislation (para. 4(a) of minutes)
015013 - 015634	Chairman Admin	Administration's initial response to concerns raised by deputations	
015635 - 021256		Break	
021257 - 021442	Chairman	Opening remarks of session II	
021443 - 021900	HK SKH Lady Macle hose Centre	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1202/06-07(02)]	
021901 - 022307	Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor	Presentation of views	
022308 - 022733	Professor G G WANG	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1168/06-07(04)]	
022734 - 023203	International Social Service - Hong Kong Branch	Presentation of views	
023204 - 023335	Alliance of Progressive Labor, Hong Kong	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1226/06-07(05)]	

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023336 - 023752	New Territories General Chamber of Commerce	Presentation of views	
023753 - 023857	Luen Woo Chamber of Commerce	Presentation of views	
023858 - 024404	Association of Mainland Overseas Returned Scholars in Hong Kong	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1226/06-07(07)]	
024405 - 024907	Equal Opportunities Commission	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1168/06-07(05)]	
024908 - 025336	Christian Action	Presentation of views	
025337 - 025727	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1147/06-07(01)]	
025728 - 030007	Association of Indonesian Migrants Workers in Hong Kong	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1226/06-07(08)]	
030008 - 030451	Civic Party	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1243/06-07(02)]	
030452 - 030708	The British Chamber of Commerce in HK	Presentation of views	
030709 - 030952	United Filipinos in Hong Kong	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1226/06-07(09)]	
030953 - 031427	Hong Kong Against Racial Discrimination	Presentation of views	
031428 - 034229	Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG, Mr Stephen YAU, Mr Gerry MA, Ms Emily LAU, Mr Gerry MA, Dr Sam WONG, Mr Martin LEE, Dr YEUNG Sum, Professor G G WANG, Dr Richard HU Weising, Miss TAM Heung-man, Mr Herman POON, Miss Nora WONG, Mr LAW Yuk-kai, Mr James TO, Mr Abraham SHEK, and Mr Azir KHAN	Discussion	Admin to provide information and data on complaints relating to public service providers' failures to provide translation services (para. 4(b) & (c) of minutes)

Time marker	Speaker	Subject	Action required
034230 - 035122	Chairman Admin	Administration's initial response to concerns raised by deputations	Clerk to prepare a summary of issues (para. 3 of minutes) Admin to provide written response to views expressed by deputations at the meeting and in their submissions, and to look into complaints (para. 2 of minutes)

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