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**Subcommittee to Study Shipping and Port Control (Ferry Terminals)
(Amendment) Regulation 2004 (Commencement) Notice**

**Minutes of meeting on
Tuesday, 21 November 2006, at 2:30 pm
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Chairman)
Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP
- Member absent** : Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
- Public Officers
Attending** : Ms Annie CHOI
Deputy Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works
- Mr Donald NG
Principal Assistant Secretary for the Environment,
Transport and Works
- Mr W K LEE
Acting Deputy Director of Marine
- Mr S C LEUNG
Senior Marine Officer/Ferry Terminals
Marine Department

Attendance by invitation : **Hong Kong North West Express Limited**

Mr Jerry SHUM
Assistant to Chairman

Mr Koji CHAN
Assistant to Managing Director

Mr Alan LIU
General Manager

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

Staff in attendance : Miss Monna LAI
Assistant Legal Adviser 7

Mr Noel SUNG
Senior Council Secretary (1)4

Mr Anthony CHU
Council Secretary (1)2

Action

I Election of Chairman

Mr Albert HO Chun-yan was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee.

2. Members agreed to accept the late application for membership from Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming.

II Meeting with the Administration and the operator of the New Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal

- (LC Paper No. CB(1)319/06-07(01) - Information paper provided by the Administration
- LC Paper No. LS8/06-07 - Legal Service Division Report
- LC Paper No. CB(1)322/06-07 - Background brief on operation of cross boundary passenger ferry services at Tuen Mun Ferry Pier prepared by the Secretariat)

3. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Action

4. The Subcommittee had completed its work and would submit a report to the House Committee.

III Any other business

5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:25 pm.

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Legislative Council Secretariat
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Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda Item I – Election of Chairman</i>			
000000 - 000032	Mr Albert HO	Election of Chairman Late application for membership from Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming	
<i>Agenda Item II – Meeting with the Administration and the operator of the New Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal</i>			
000033 - 000319	Chairman Administration	The Administration briefed the meeting on the current operation arrangements of the new Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal (TMFT)	
000320 - 000652	Ms Miriam LAU Administration Hong Kong North West Express Limited (HKNWE)	Ms Miriam LAU kin-yea was concerned about the tenant's plan in providing cross-boundary ferry services to/from Macao and other ports in Mainland China. The Hong Kong North West Express Limited (HKNWE) responded that the company was liaising with the relevant authorities on the Tuen Mun-Macao services and was examining the feasibility to provide services to other Mainland ports such as Nansha	
000653 - 001010	Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming Administration	Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming was concerned about the low utilization rate of the new TMFT and the resultant waste of resources as well as the financial and civil service implications for the Government. The Administration responded that the project should be cost-neutral to the Government	
001011 - 002604	Chairman Administration HKNWE	Mr Albert HO Chun-yan was concerned about the obligations of the tenant in the tenancy agreement. The Administration explained that whilst the operator was obliged to provide cross-boundary ferry services at the new TMFT in accordance with its tender proposal, the service frequency and whether to run the ferry services by itself or sub-let the terminal premises and berthing slots to other parties for operation were commercial decisions to be made by the tenant. In line with the arrangements for the existing cross-boundary ferry service operators, the Government would not regulate the fares to be charged by the TMFT tenant	

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002605 - 003409	Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming Administration Chairman	Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming was concerned about the possible conflict in traffic between ferry passengers and the light rail trains as the new TMFT was located near the Light Rail Terminus. The Administration explained that given the short distance between the Light Rail Terminus and the new TMFT, and the TMFT's design capacity of only 800 passengers per hour, there was no need to construct a direct access link between Pierhead Garden and the new TMFT. The Transport Department had also been improving the signage in the area to facilitate passenger circulation and enhance pedestrian safety	
003410 - 004820	Ms Miriam LAU HKNWE Chairman Administration Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming	<p>Ms Miriam LAU Kin-ye opined that consideration could be given for the tenant to enter into a joint venture with existing operators so that cross-boundary ferries leaving China Ferry Terminal or Macau Ferry Terminal could also call at the new TMFT before their onward journeys to Macao and other Mainland ports. The tenant might also consider sub-letting the berthing slots to existing operators if it could not obtain the necessary approval from the relevant authorities for using their port facilities</p> <p>The Chairman was concerned whether the TMFT service caused any noise nuisance to nearby residents. The tenant confirmed that it had not received any complaint regarding noise nuisance</p>	
<i>Agenda Item III – Any other business</i>			
004821 - 005112	Chairman Clerk Ms Miriam LAU	The Subcommittee had completed its work and would report to the House Committee	