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Panel on Commerce and Industry

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 12 October 2006, at 10:10 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP (Chairman)
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS (Deputy Chairman)
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
Hon CHIM Pui-chung

Members absent : Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP

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

Staff in attendance : Ms Pauline NG
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Debbie YAU
Senior Council Secretary (1)1

Mr Paul WOO
Senior Council Secretary (1)3

Ms YUE Tin-po
Senior Council Secretary (1)5

Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms Sharon CHAN
Legislative Assistant (1)6

I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Mrs Sophie LEUNG, Chairman of the Panel for the 2005-2006 session, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel for the 2006-2007 session. She invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel.

2. Mr Vincent FANG was nominated by Mr CHAN Kam-lam and seconded by Mr SIN Chung-kai and Mr WONG Ting-kwong. Mr FANG accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr Vincent FANG was declared Chairman of the Panel for the 2006-2007 session.

3. Mr Vincent FANG took over the chair of the meeting and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr Jeffrey LAM nominated Mr WONG Ting-kwong to be the Deputy Chairman of the Panel. The nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Kam-lam. Mr WONG accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr WONG Ting-kwong was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2006-2007 session.

II Schedule of meetings for the 2006-2007 session

4. Members agreed to hold the regular meetings of the Panel for the 2006-2007 session on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm. As the third Tuesday of February 2007 was a public holiday for the Luna New Year, and the third Tuesday of June 2007 was a public holiday for Tuen Ng festival, members agreed that the meetings in February and June 2007 would tentatively be re-scheduled to be held on 13 February and 12 June 2007 at 4:30 pm respectively. Since the meeting in March 2007 would clash with the special Finance Committee meetings, members also agreed that the meeting be tentatively re-scheduled to be held on 13 March 2007 at 4:30 pm. The meeting dates would be subject to the Panel's confirmation nearer the time.

III Discussion items for next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(1)6/06-07 - List of outstanding items for discussion)

Appendix VI to LC Paper No. CB(1)6/06-07 - List of follow-up actions)

Regular meeting on 17 October 2006

5. Members noted that the next regular meeting would be held on 17 October 2006 to receive a briefing by the Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Trade on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2006-2007. They noted that the Administration had not proposed any additional agenda item for discussion by the Panel at the next meeting. The Chairman said that members might propose discussion item, if any, for the meeting.

Regular meeting on 21 November 2006

6. Referring to items 4 and 7 on the "List of outstanding items for discussion" and recalling that the Administration had undertaken to report on the operation and performance of the five research and development centres under the implementation of the new strategic framework for innovation and technology development to the Panel, Mr SIN Chung-kai considered it timely for the Panel to follow up this item, as well as issues related to the operation and management of the Applied Science and Technology Research Institute (item 7 on the "List of outstanding items for discussion". Members agreed to discuss the above items at the regular meeting on 21 November 2006.

Other issues

Frontier Closed Area

7. On Frontier Closed Area (FCA), Mrs Sophie LEUNG recalled that the subject had been discussed by the Panel a year ago. As recently advised by the Government, the ultimate use of FCA would be subject to the outcome of the feasibility and planning study of the Administration and the subsequent public consultations. In this connection, she suggested that the Panel should revisit the issue with the Administration in due course. The Chairman agreed that the item should be included in the list of outstanding items for future discussion by the Panel.

Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and the development of industrial estates

8. Noting that the development of industrial estates was under the scope of the principal activities undertaken by the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTPC), Dr LUI Ming-wah suggested that the Panel

should discuss the issue on the operation and management of HKSTPC as well as the development of industrial estates. Mr SIN Chung-kai said that it would be more appropriate for the Panel to discuss the matter upon the submission of the annual report by HKSTPC. Mrs Sophie LEUNG added that HKSTPC should also brief the Panel on its objectives, milestone achievements and future plans, including the long-term development of the industrial estates. The Chairman agreed that the item should be included in the list of outstanding items for discussion and followed up by the Panel when the annual report was submitted.

(Post meeting note: The annual report of HKSTPC is usually tabled at LegCo in November each year)

IV Any other business

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:22 am.

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