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Panel on Economic Development

**Minutes of meeting held on
Thursday, 11 October 2007, at 10:30 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon CHIM Pui-chung
Hon KWONG Chi-kin
Hon TAM Heung-man
- Members absent** : Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP
- Clerk in attendance** : Ms Connie SZETO
Chief Council Secretary (1)6

Staff in attendance : Ms Pauline NG
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Debbie YAU
Senior Council Secretary (1)1

Mr Justin TAM
Council Secretary (1)3

Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms Michelle NIEN
Legislative Assistant (1)9

Action

I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr Jeffrey LAM, Chairman of the Panel for the 2006-2007 session, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel for the 2007-2008 session and invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Mr Jeffrey LAM was nominated by Mr CHIM Pui-chung and the nomination was seconded by Mr Andrew LEUNG and Ir Dr Raymond HO. Mr LAM accepted the nomination. As Mr LAM was nominated for the chairmanship, Mr Abraham SHEK, Deputy Chairman of the Panel in the 2006-07 session presided over the election.

3. There being no other nominations, Mr Abraham SHEK declared that Mr Jeffrey LAM was elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2007-2008 session. Mr LAM then took over the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr Abraham SHEK was nominated by Ir Dr Raymond HO and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHIM Pui-chung and Mr LAU Chin-shek. Mr SHEK accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, the Chairman declared that Mr Abraham SHEK was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2007-2008 session.

Action

II Schedule of meetings for the 2007-2008 session

5. Members agreed that regular meetings of the Panel for the 2007-2008 session be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:45 am.
6. Members noted that the regular meetings of December 2007 and March 2008 had been re-scheduled to 21 December 2007 and 19 March 2008 to avoid clashing with the Christmas and Easter holidays respectively. Mr Howard YOUNG proposed to advance the two meetings further earlier to tie in with the Council meeting breaks. Members agreed.

(Post-meeting note: As the Panel would be briefed on the annual tariff review by the two power companies at the December meeting, the Administration indicated that the proposed meeting date of 21 December 2007 would tie in better with its review timetable. The Chairman therefore instructed that the December meeting be scheduled for 21 December 2007 at 4:30 pm, and the March 2008 meeting be scheduled for 17 March 2008 at 8:30 am. The schedule of regular meetings for the 2007-2008 session has been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)44/07-08 on 12 October 2007.)

III Items for discussion at next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No.— List of outstanding items for
CB(1)3/07-08 discussion)

Appendix VI to LC Paper No.— List of follow-up actions)
CB(1)3/07-08

Regular meeting on 22 October 2007

7. Members noted that in addition to the briefings by the Secretary for Transport and Housing, Secretary for the Environment and the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2007-08 at the next regular meeting to be held on 22 October 2007, the Administration had also proposed to discuss the item on "Proposed Amendments to the Trade Description Ordinance (Cap. 362) to strengthen consumer protection". Members agreed.
8. Mr Fred LI referred to his letter tabled at the meeting and suggested that the Panel should follow up on issues relating to the transfer of management of Ngong Ping 360 and discuss the re-launching of the cable car system.
9. After discussion, members agreed to place the items referred to in paragraphs 7 and 8 on the agenda of the next regular meeting. They also agreed that the meeting be held from 10:35 am to 1:00 pm.

Action

Items proposed for discussion

10. Mr Fred LI expressed concern about the development of Hong Kong Disneyland (HKD), in particular whether the Government would consider injecting funds to support development of the theme park. He suggested inviting the Administration to brief the Panel on the matter in due course.

11. Mr James TIEN agreed to Mr LI's suggestion. He added that as the Chairman of the Hong Kong Tourism Board, he was also keen to know the measures taken by HKD to tackle the problem of dropping patronage to the Park, its future development, and the Administration's plan to provide further funding to the Park, if any. He proposed to include the item on progress update on HKD for discussion in the agenda for the November or December meeting.

IV Any other business

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:45 am.

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