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**Panel on Home Affairs**

**Minutes of meeting**  
**held on Friday, 9 November 2007, at 10:45 am**  
**in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members present** : Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS  
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP  
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH, JP  
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung  
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP  
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP  
Hon TAM Heung-man

**Member absent** : Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS

**Public Offices attending** : Item IV  
Home Affairs Bureau

Mrs Carrie YAU TSANG Ka-lai, JP  
Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Mr Donald TONG, JP  
Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs(1)

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr Thomas CHOW, JP  
Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Information Services Department

Mrs Ella TAM  
Deputy Director of Information Services (2)

Tourism Commission

Ms Joey LAM  
Deputy Commissioner for Tourism

Transport Department

Mr WONG Chi-hung  
Senior Engineer/Equestrian Events  
Traffic Engineering (New Territories East) Division

Hong Kong Tourism Board

Mr Anthony LAU  
Executive Director

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Home Affairs Bureau

Mrs Carrie YAU TSANG Ka-lai, JP  
Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Miss Janet WONG  
Principal Assistant Secretary (Recreation & Sport)

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

**Staff in attendance** : Ms Joanne MAK  
Senior Council Secretary (2)2  
  
Ms Anna CHEUNG  
Legislative Assistant (2)2

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As the Chairman was held up in traffic, the Deputy Chairman chaired the meeting for the discussion of agenda items I to III.

**I. Confirmation of minutes**

[LC Paper No. CB(2)246/07-08]

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2007 were confirmed.

**II. Information paper(s) issued since the last meeting**

3. Members noted that no information papers had been provided by the Administration since the last meeting.

**III. Items for discussion at the next meeting**

[Appendices I and II to LC Paper No. CB(2)245/07-08]

4. Members agreed to discuss "Implementation of the pilot scheme under the 2006 District Council (DC) Review" and "Nuisances caused by holiday flats to residents nearby" at the next regular meeting scheduled for Friday, 14 December 2007 at 10:45 am. Members also agreed to invite the four pilot DCs to send representatives to attend the next meeting to give an account of the difficulties they had encountered in the course of the implementation of the pilot scheme.

**IV. Promotion of Olympism**

[LC Paper No. CB(2)245/07-08(01)]

(The Chairman arrived at this juncture.)

Briefing by the Administration

5. Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (PSHA) introduced to members the salient points of the Administration's paper [LC Paper No. CB(2)245/07-08(01)] seeking members' support to provide \$150 million for the promotion of

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Olympism in Hong Kong to tie in with the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games (the Games), and the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events (the Equestrian Events) to be staged in Hong Kong. A detailed breakdown of the expenditure items was at Annex III to the Administration's paper.

6. Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (DLCS) then briefed members on the arrangements for the Torch Relays for both the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Olympic Torch Relay was most likely to take place in Hong Kong in early May 2008, while the Torch Relay for the Paralympic Games in Hong Kong was expected to be held in early September 2008.

7. DLCS also briefed members on the setting up of two official Live Sites in Victoria Park and Sha Tin Park during the Olympic Games period from 8 to 24 August 2008 daily at selected hours, as well as on a number of publicity programmes which would be held to promote awareness of the Games and the Equestrian Events as well as Olympism.

Discussion

*Use of the proposed funding*

8. Miss CHAN Yuen-han said that Members belonging to the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions agreed that there was a need for Hong Kong, as an Olympic co-host city, to implement initiatives for the promotion of Olympism. She, however, considered that, given the amount of proposed funding of \$150 million, the Administration should have provided a more detailed breakdown of the expenditure items and information on the timeframe of implementing the proposed expenditure items. Referring to Annex III to the Administration's paper, Miss CHAN queried why additional funding of \$5 million would need to be spent on greening and flower beautification work, as it had been an on-going initiative of the Administration to implement greening work in each district.

9. PSHA said that the current proposal sought funding for the implementation of a series of comprehensive publicity and promotional programme with emphasis on community involvement to help foster the Olympic atmosphere in Hong Kong. She said that the funding sought would need to be allocated starting from early January 2008 to the government departments and agencies concerned for implementing the relevant programmes. In addition, relatively large portions of the funding sought would need to be spent during the Torch Relay to take place in Hong Kong in early May 2008, and during the operation of the Live Sites in August and in September 2008.

10. DLCS supplemented that, in addition to the on-going territory-wide greening work of the Administration, it was necessary to enhance the greening

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and beautification projects which would include, e.g. using seasonal flowers of different colours to make Olympic rings. As seasonal flowers would be used, it would be necessary to have flowers changed from time to time. DLCS said that, apart from using some \$3 million on the greening and flower beautification work, about \$1.5 million would be spent on providing Olympic icons made of metal at major landmarks in Hong Kong.

11. Dr Fernando CHEUNG also expressed concern about how the proposed additional funding which was solely for the purpose of publicity and promotion would be used. PSHA assured members that the Administration would adhere to the principle of prudent use of public funding in promoting Olympism. It would appeal to other sources of financial support, e.g. the Equestrian Funds, to support various promotional activities. She pointed out that the actual amount of required funding for the promotion work was much larger than the amount currently proposed. The Administration would also make use of existing resources as far as possible and the shortfall would be met by private donations and sponsorship from the commercial sector.

12. Mr Timothy FOK declared interests as the President of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC). He expressed support for the current proposal, adding that the staging of the Equestrian Events in Hong Kong would generate considerable economic benefits in terms of tourism value and help project the image of Hong Kong as a world city.

13. Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong said that the Democratic Party supported the staging of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games. However, he requested the Administration to learn from the experience of hosting the Hong Kong Harbour Fest and avoid making the same mistakes in the use of funds. He urged the Administration to provide a more detailed breakdown of the expenditure items, and to put in place a monitoring mechanism to ensure prudent use of the funding. Mr CHEUNG also considered that, while it was necessary for Hong Kong, as an Olympic co-host city, to promote Olympism, the primary responsibility should be to stage promotional events in connection of the Equestrian Events. He opined that more resources should be used to enhance the interest as well as the knowledge of the general public in Hong Kong's staging of the Equestrian Events.

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14. PSHA undertook to provide a more detailed breakdown of the expenditure items in its paper to be submitted to the Finance Committee (FC) for Members' reference. She said that a one-stop website would be developed to publicise the publicity programmes which would be supported by the proposed additional funding, so as to enhance the transparency of the use of the proposed funding. Miss TAM Heung-man requested the Administration to provide, in its paper, justifications to demonstrate that the proposed expenditure items were necessary and the costs were value-for-money.

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15. Referring to paragraph 26 of the Administration's paper, Ms Emily LAU criticised the Administration for failing to provide detailed information of the economic benefits of the current proposal. She suggested that the Administration should estimate the number of incoming visitors and the spending of these visitors. She also expressed concern as to why the total budget for the two Torch Relays amounted to \$25 million.

16. Ms Emily LAU further said that Mr Albert CHAN who had left the meeting due to other urgent commitments had requested her to convey his opposing views to the meeting. She said that Mr CHAN was of the view that the current proposal was for the purpose of window-dressing and would not bring real benefit to the public. He was dissatisfied that, while the Administration had kept ignoring demands for adequate leisure and cultural services facilities (e.g. indoor heated swimming pools) to be provided in districts, the Administration was now proposing to spend such a large sum of money to dress up Hong Kong just to enhance the Olympic atmosphere. Ms Emily LAU also considered that the Government itself had failed to live up to the Olympic Spirit of solidarity, fair play and friendship as reflected in its various policies, e.g. the election system in Hong Kong.

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17. On the economic benefits of the current proposal, Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs(1) (DSHA(1)) briefed members on some rough estimations made by the Equestrian Events (Hong Kong) of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad Company Limited (Equestrian Company) regarding the expected number of audience from overseas, athletes and other personnel who would participate in the Equestrian Events. PSHA agreed to provide the details in the paper to be submitted to FC.

18. In response to Dr Philip WONG's enquiry, PSHA said that the Administration was going to promote the Olympic Spirit of solidarity, fair play and friendship and the Paralympic Spirit of transcendence, integration, and equality within the community.

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19. The Chairman said that the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong was of the view that Hong Kong as the Olympic co-host city was obliged to promote the Olympism and the Equestrian Events. She hoped that the Administration could obtain the necessary funding as soon as possible because the publicity work should have been started much earlier. She asked whether the Administration could provide information on the funding spent on such promotion work by other Olympic co-host cities. PSHA responded that there might be difficulties in obtaining such information and the experience of other places might not be appropriate for Hong Kong to draw reference to due to differences in circumstances. The Chairman requested the Administration to provide any relevant information which would facilitate Members' consideration of the current proposal.

*Publicity and promotional programmes for the Equestrian Events*

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20. Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong said that, given that Hong Kong people in general lacked interest in equestrian competitions, Hong Kong as a co-host city was obliged to make the best efforts in promoting the Equestrian Events to be staged in Hong Kong and in enhancing community interest in the equestrian sport. Miss TAM Heung-man expressed similar concern as it would be embarrassing to Hong Kong if surveys later revealed to the international community that Hong Kong people knew little about the equestrian sport.

21. Deputy Director of Information Services (2) responded that equestrian schools in Hong Kong had stepped up promotion of the equestrian sport and she noted that general interest in this sport had risen recently. In addition, the Equestrian Company would prepare introductory information on the equestrian sport. DSHA(1) supplemented that Radio Television Hong Kong would launch a series of programmes and specials to promote the Games and the Equestrian Events as well as Olympism in Hong Kong. He added that, as the Administration also intended to take the opportunity to promote community interest in sports, SF&OC would be engaged to collaborate with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department for the purpose.

22. Noting that the Administration was going to promote national education while promoting Olympism, Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong asked how the Administration would strike a balance between the two. Ms Emily LAU opined that the Administration should not take the opportunity to implement intensive exchange programmes to promote national education for young people as this would arouse general resentment.

23. PSHA agreed that a balance should be struck and equal emphasis would be put on promoting an international vision and national education. She pointed out that, apart from the exhibition entitled "Horses in Chinese Culture", the series of exhibitions and cultural programmes being planned would include a special exhibition of over 100 items of artifacts from the British Museum to portray the story of the ancient Olympics and its relationship with modern Olympics.

24. Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong suggested that the exhibition entitled "Horses in Chinese Culture" should feature horses in other culture as well. DLCS said that, while the exhibition was so entitled, it would showcase art works including Chinese paintings, jades, ceramics and Hong Kong art with horse as the theme, and horses of non-Chinese origins might also be featured. Mr CHEUNG considered that, if that was the case, the exhibition should be re-titled in order not to give the impression that Hong Kong, in co-hosting the Equestrian Events, was only concerned about promoting horses in Chinese Culture.

25. Miss TAM Heung-man asked what had been done to promote Hong Kong as an Olympic co-host city overseas. Deputy Commissioner for Tourism

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said that HKTB a few months ago had already embarked on a series of promotional and publicity activities to promote Hong Kong as an Olympic co-host city overseas and the Equestrian Events. She further said that the opportunity was taken to attract equestrian lovers, Olympic spectators and tourists from around the world.

26. Mr James TIEN declared interests as the Chairman of the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB). While expressing support for the current funding proposal, he considered that the Administration had missed the opportunity to promote Hong Kong overseas as an Olympic co-host city by not providing any additional resources to HKTB or Hong Kong's Economic and Trade offices to hold publicity and promotional programmes for that purpose. Citing Qingdao which would co-host the windsurfing events as an example, Mr TIEN considered that the Administration should have provided additional resources to HKTB to enhance its overseas publicity work for Hong Kong as a Olympic co-host city so as to raise Hong Kong's profile internationally which would also boost tourism in the territory. He further requested the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), which was not responsible for promotion of Hong Kong overseas, to convey his concerns to the relevant policy bureau and the Financial Secretary's Office.

27. PSHA responded that HAB had invited government bureaux/departments to submit funding requests in connection with the current proposal. She said that HAB had adopted an open position in coordinating the funding requests made by various government bureaux/departments and non-governmental organizations, through their corresponding government bureaux, for implementing the publicity and promotional programmes. In response to Mr TIEN's question, PSHA clarified that this Administration's paper had included financial implications of initiatives for promoting Hong Kong as an Olympic co-host city overseas.

28. Ms Emily LAU considered that Hong Kong people in general did not have great interest in equestrian events but they liked watching the Olympic Games. She suggested that, in order to create a strong Olympic atmosphere for the local community, the Administration should identify more locations (e.g. open space in public housing estates and shopping malls), other than the two official Live Sites, during the Games period to broadcast Olympic competition events live for the free enjoyment of the public. PSHA agreed to consider the suggestion and seek the support of the commercial sector to make the arrangements. Ms LAU also suggested that consideration should be given to advancing the period, in which public sports facilities would be open for public use free of charge, from 1 July 2008 to 1 April 2008. In response to Ms LAU's enquiry, PSHA said that the free-use scheme for the three months in 2008 would cost the Government about \$100 million in terms of revenue foregone.

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29. Professor Patrick LAU said he hoped that the publicity programmes could provide opportunities for local creative talents to express their creativity



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and feelings towards the city. DSHA(1) responded that cultural and drawing competitions were being planned in collaboration with the Home Affairs Department (HAD) as part of the publicity programmes. In addition, discussion was being held with HKTB to work on design of logos to promote Hong Kong as the Olympic co-host city for use by retailers.

30. Mr WONG Yung-kan expressed support for the current proposal. He, however, expressed concern that it seemed a bit late to embark on a series of publicity and promotional programmes only in 2008, e.g. the Live Sites would operate only in August 2008. He also asked whether the 18 DCs would be involved in these programmes and relevant publicity projects.

31. PSHA said that the 18 DCs would be invited to participate in a major community celebration programme on the day of the Torch Relay. She explained that the Administration would collaborate with the 18 DCs to mobilize various district organizations and community groups to participate in the publicity and promotional programmes with a view to involving people from all walks of life to participate. PSHA said that the Administration also intended to implement the publicity work as early as possible. She informed members that HAD and District Offices were already implementing various measures to promote the Olympism to the youth but such work had not been covered in the paper.

*Promotion of messages of integration and facilitating the participation of residents in remote area in the publicity programmes*

32. Dr Fernando CHEUNG asked whether any programme would be launched to promote messages of integration between the able-bodied and the disabled and acceptance of diversity. He also asked whether any arrangements would be made to facilitate the participation of residents in remote new towns, such as Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung, in the proposed publicity and promotional programmes. Mr Timothy FOK said that all members of the public including the disabled should be able to participate in the territory-wide promotional activities. He added that the success of the Equestrian Events hinged on how far the Administration succeeded in enhancing community interest, particularly the youth, in the Games and in promoting the Olympic Spirit.

33. PSHA said that there would be publicity programmes specifically for promoting the Paralympic Spirit of transcendence, integration and equality within the community. The Administration had been in close collaboration with the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled in exploring how to achieve the objective of disseminating to the youth the message of integration of the able-bodied and the disabled through the publicity and promotional programme for the Equestrian Events. She said that the assistance of the Commissioner for Rehabilitation would be enlisted in ensuring that the relevant associations or groups for the physically

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disabled would take part in the promotional programme.

34. DSHA(1) supplemented that part of the proposed funding of \$150 million would be spent on organising various publicity and promotional programmes as well as community involvement activities specially for the 2008 Paralympic Equestrian Event. Apart from the staging of the Torch Relay for the Paralympic Games, the Administration was planning to set up a Live Site on selected days during the Paralympic Games period. In addition, the disabled would have an opportunity to participate in the various activities at the Live Sites in Victoria Park and Sha Tin Park.

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35. In response to Dr Fernando CHEUNG's concern, PSHA agreed to provide more detailed information in its paper for submission to FC on the publicity and promotional programmes specifically launched to promote messages of integration in the community and the amount of funding that would be allocated for implementing initiatives to facilitate the participation of residents in remote new towns in the publicity programmes.

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36. Miss CHAN Yuen-han suggested that free shuttle buses should be provided to deliver the residents in poor remote areas to locations where the territory-wide promotional activities would be held. PSHA responded that arrangements would be made to facilitate the participation of district organizations in these activities. Miss CHAN, however, considered that free shuttle buses should also be provided for use by individual residents in remote new towns to facilitate their participation in the publicity programmes and activities.

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37. The Chairman asked whether consideration would be given to changing the Chinese translation of the term "Paralympic Games" into "傷健人士奧運會" instead of "殘疾人奧運會" as the former was more commonly used nowadays. PSHA explained that "殘疾人奧運會" was the official Chinese term, but she would reflect the Chairman's views to the authority concerned for consideration. The Chairman also suggested that there should be production of souvenirs for promotion of the Games and the Equestrian Events.

*Promotion of Olympic Legacy*

38. Mr Timothy FOK and Professor Patrick LAU considered that the Administration should consider ways to commemorate the staging of Equestrian Events in Hong Kong and to promote the Olympic legacy. They asked whether the Administration would identify suitable Olympic-themed facilities for retention for their legacy value.

39. PSHA said that the Administration was exploring with the Hong Kong Jockey Club the possibility of setting up a permanent exhibition on Olympics to display important relics relating to the promotion of Olympism and the staging of the Equestrian Events in Hong Kong. The Administration would

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also consider as part of the legacy plan the possibility of retaining some Olympic-themed legacy structures appealing to tourists. In this connection, the Administration was seeking the comments and suggestions of HKTB and relevant bodies. DSHA(1) said that the Administration would need to consult DCs to seek whether they had any views on the locations for the retention of the legacy structures like giant Olympic icons. He added that about \$20 million would be spent on projects for the promotion of Olympic legacy.

*Submission of the funding proposal to FC*

40. In response to the Chairman's enquiry, PSHA said that the Administration intended to submit the funding proposal to FC for consideration at its meeting on 14 December 2007. Ms Emily LAU said that she had reservations about the current funding proposal. Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong said that it would be difficult for him to support the proposal without the availability of a more detailed breakdown of expenditure items. The Chairman sought members' view on the Administration's submission of the proposal to FC and ordered voting by a show of hands. Five members present voted in favour of the submission. Members noted the opposing view of Mr Albert CHAN as conveyed by Ms LAU. The Chairman concluded that the Panel supported the submission of the current proposal to FC for consideration. The Chairman reminded the Administration that it should provide the requisite supplementary information well in advance of the FC's meeting in order to allow sufficient time for Members' consideration of the information.

**V. 2011 International Olympic Committee Session**  
[LC Paper No. CB(2)245/07-08(02)]

Briefing by the Administration

41. PSHA briefed members on the salient points of the Administration's paper [LC Paper No. CB(2)245/07-08(02)] seeking the Panel's in-principle support for SF&OC to bid for the right for Hong Kong to host the 2011 International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session. She said that the 2011 IOC Session, as with many previous IOC Sessions, could attract a lot of reporters and receive wide international media coverage. The major expenditure items involved for holding the 2011 IOC Session were set out in paragraph 12 of the Administration's paper. However, the Administration at the present stage was unable to ascertain the funding requirement for hosting the 2011 IOC Session until IOC had indicated to SF&OC the detailed requirements.

Discussion

42. Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong expressed reservations about the current proposal as it required Hong Kong to meet all the costs involved for holding the 2011 IOC Session, but no estimated budget on the financial commitment to be incurred to Hong Kong was available. He said that, while he had no doubt

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about Hong Kong's capability to host an IOC Session, he did not see that the current proposal would bring about significant economic benefits to Hong Kong. He also considered that the Administration had allowed too little time for members' consideration of the current proposal, as SF&OC would have to submit a written expression of interest in hosting the 2011 IOC Session by 29 November 2007. Mr CHEUNG said that Hong Kong already had to provide funding to support the staging of the Equestrian Events in 2008 and the hosting of the East Asian Games in 2009, and it was unreasonable to require Hong Kong to spend another huge amount of money on hosting the 2011 IOC Session. He would rather spend the money on supporting local sports development.

43. Miss CHAN Yuen-han said that, while she appreciated that Hong Kong would benefit from hosting high-profile conferences and meetings, the major problem with the current proposal was the lack of an estimated budget for hosting the 2011 IOC Session.

44. PSHA invited members to note that paragraph 12 of the Administration's paper had included rough estimates for members' reference. She reiterated that, as IOC had not yet indicated the detailed requirements regarding the organisation of the 2011 IOC Session, the funding requirement could not be ascertained at the present stage. However, drawing reference from the budget for hosting the Sixth Ministerial Conference (MC6) of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and that for hosting the International Trade Union (ITU) TELECOM WORLD 2006, the budget for hosting the 2011 IOC Session should be in the region of \$90 million to \$200 million. However, the actual budget would depend on the detailed requirements to be specified by IOC.

45. Principal Assistant Secretary (Recreation & Sport) supplemented that IOC would not indicate the requirements regarding the organisation of a future IOC Session such as reception, transportation and hospitality etc. to the National Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, i.e. SF&OC, until SF&OC had expressed interest in hosting a specific IOC Session. If SF&OC was pre-selected for submission of a bid document, the Administration would then prepare another paper setting out the financial implications for SF&OC (and Hong Kong) to host the 2011 IOC Session for FC's approval in principle. She added that the same approach had been adopted for seeking the approvals of FC of the financial implications for Hong Kong to host MC6 of WTO and ITU TELECOM WORLD 2006.

46. PSHA further explained that the Administration had submitted the current proposal to the Panel based on the consideration that the hosting of the 2011 IOC Session would be able to bring much benefit to Hong Kong, such as raising Hong Kong's international profile and promoting Hong Kong to the world.

47. Referring to paragraph 11 of the Administration's paper, Miss TAM

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Heung-man asked whether the Administration had researched into past experience of other cities which had hosted IOC Sessions to see whether the hosting of the events had brought about remarkable benefits to those cities. She considered that the Administration should provide the relevant information to demonstrate that the current proposal was cost-effective and value-for-money.

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48. PSHA agreed to request SF&OC to check for the requisite information and provide it to the Panel if available. She said that, based on past experience of Hong Kong in hosting large-scale international events, e.g. ITU TELECOM WORLD 2006, hosting of such large-scale events would bring not only tremendous economic benefit to Hong Kong, but also new business opportunities, particularly to the tourist and exhibition industries. PSHA added that it was the Administration's view that, while it could not guarantee that hosting the 2011 IOC Session would not end up in a loss, it would certainly bring tremendous intangible benefit to Hong Kong.

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49. Ms Emily LAU said that, while she supported in principle Hong Kong in holding international conferences, the current proposal had been submitted in a rush. Referring to paragraph 11 of the Administration's paper, Ms LAU commented that the Administration should have explained in detail the basis of its estimation that, if 2011 IOC Session was to be held in Hong Kong, the total spending of the overseas visitors attracted to come to Hong Kong would be around \$80 million to \$110 million. She requested the Administration to provide for members' reference more detailed information on the economic benefits that an IOC Session could bring to the host city.

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50. Ms Emily LAU further asked whether the hosting city of the 2011 IOC Session would have to pay for all the expenditure items set out in paragraph 12 of the Administration's paper. At the Chairman's invitation, Mr Timothy FOK, who was also the President of SF&OC and an IOC member, said that the sports sector was very supportive of SF&OC's bidding for the hosting right of the 2011 IOC Session. He further said that, based on the experience of the 2005 IOC Session held in Singapore and the 2007 IOC Session held in Guatemala, the events had attracted thousands of people including royalties, VIPs of the event, or former government ministers and senior government officials. He said that the economic benefits generated to Singapore from organising the event had been several hundreds of millions of dollars. He further said that IOC members probably would pay for some of the necessary expenses. Ms LAU stressed that information on the expenditure items to be taken up by IOC members should be ascertained and provided to the Panel.

51. Dr Fernando CHEUNG considered the current proposal slipshod. He said that it was unacceptable for the Administration to provide so little detail in proposing to host the 2011 IOC Session at a huge cost of \$93 million to \$256 million. Moreover, it was uncertain as to whether the budget would turn out to be far more than \$250 million. Dr CHEUNG expressed dissatisfaction that the

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Administration had failed to adhere to the principle of prudent use of public funding in putting forward this proposal.

52. PSHA explained that the Administration would draw up a financial proposal to seek the FC's approval in principle of the financial implications for SF&OC (and Hong Kong) to host the 2011 IOC Session if SF&OC was pre-selected by IOC Executive Committee for submission of a bid document. She said that the Administration respected the view of LegCo on the matter and suggested that the Panel could take a view on whether or not Hong Kong should bid for the hosting right of the 2011 IOC Session. The Chairman, however, pointed out that the Panel had not been provided with adequate information to facilitate deliberation on the current proposal. Mr Timothy FOK said that SF&OC had approached HAB for government support to bid for the hosting right of the 2011 IOC Session and had provided some information and data in support of its proposal. He suggested that the information and data could be made available to the Panel for members' reference.

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53. At the suggestion of Ms Emily LAU, the Panel agreed to hold a special meeting to further discuss the current proposal. The Chairman requested the Administration to provide the requisite information to the Panel before the special meeting, which would be scheduled by the Clerk in consultation with the Administration.

Clerk

*(Post-meeting note: a special meeting of the Panel was scheduled for 26 November 2007 at 9:30 am for further discussion of the current proposal.)*

**VI. Strengthening the software and humanware in culture and the arts**  
[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)245/07-08(03) and (04)]

54. Due to shortage of time, the Panel agreed to defer the discussion on this item to the next regular meeting scheduled for 14 December 2007, and to advance the starting time of the next meeting to 9:30 am.

55. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:50 pm.