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Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 11 October 2007, at 10:50 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG, JP (Chairman)
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
Hon Bernard CHAN, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
- Members absent** : Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, SBS, JP
- Clerk in attendance** : Miss Erin TSANG
Chief Council Secretary (1)3
- Staff in attendance** : Ms Pauline NG
Assistant Secretary General 1
- Ms Annette LAM
Senior Council Secretary (1)3

Ms Guy YIP
Council Secretary (1)1

Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms May LEUNG
Legislative Assistant (1)6

Action

I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr Albert CHENG, Chairman of the Panel in office, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel for the 2007-2008 session. He invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Mr Albert CHENG was nominated by Mr Howard YOUNG and the nomination was seconded by Mr Albert CHAN. Mr CHENG accepted the nomination. In the absence of Mr SIN Chung-kai, the Deputy Chairman in office, Mr Fred LI, the member present who had the highest precedence in the Council, presided over the election.

3. There being no other nomination, Mr Fred LI declared that Mr Albert CHENG was elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2007-2008 session. Mr CHENG then took over the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr SIN Chung-kai was nominated by the Chairman and the nomination was seconded by Mr Fred LI. The Chairman said that Mr SIN Chung-kai had indicated that he would accept the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr SIN Chung-kai was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2007-2008 session.

5. The Chairman informed members that Dr David LI Kwok-po, Mr Bernard CHAN and Dr Philip WONG Yu-hong had joined the Panel from the 2007-2008 session. He welcomed them to join the Panel.

II Schedule of meetings for the 2007-2008 session

6. Members noted the proposed meeting schedule tabled at the meeting and agreed that except for February, May and June 2008, regular monthly meetings of the Panel for the 2007-2008 session would be held on the second Monday of each month at 2:30 pm. As the second Monday of May 2008 was a public holiday for the Buddha's Birthday, and the second Monday of June 2008 was a public holiday for the day following Tuen Ng Festival, members agreed that the regular meetings for May and June 2008 be rescheduled to Tuesday, 13 May 2008 at 4:30 pm, and Tuesday, 10 June 2008 at 4:30 pm respectively.

7. Noting that the proposed date (i.e. 5 February 2008) for the February 2008 regular meeting was close to the public holidays for Lunar New Year and that the Council would take break after its meeting in end January 2008, Mr Howard YOUNG was concerned that many members might be out of town by then and would not be available to attend the Panel meeting. Members agreed to advance the meeting to an earlier date.

(Post-meeting note: The schedule of regular Panel meetings for the 2007-2008 session was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)19/07-08 on 15 October 2007. The regular meeting for February 2008 has been advanced to 2:30 pm on 29 January 2008.)

III Items for discussion at the next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No. — List of outstanding items for
CB(1)6/07-08 discussion)

Appendix VI to LC Paper No. — List of follow-up actions)
CB(1)6/07-08

Special meeting on 16 October 2007

8. Members agreed that the following three items proposed by the Administration be placed on the agenda for the special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 16 October 2007 from 4:30 pm to 6:15 pm:

- (a) Briefing by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development on relevant policy initiatives featuring in the Chief Executive's 2007-2008 Policy Address;
- (b) Implementation of the Unsolicited Electronic Messages Ordinance; and
- (c) Draft Code of Practice to be made under the Unsolicited Electronic Messages Ordinance.

Regular Panel meeting on 12 November 2007

9. Members agreed to discuss the item "Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX – New Administrative Computer Systems" (i.e. item 1 of the Panel's "List of outstanding items for discussion") as proposed by the Administration at the next regular Panel meeting to be held on 12 November 2007.

10. At Ms Emily LAU's suggestion, members agreed to invite the Administration to also brief the Panel on the recruitment of the Director of Broadcasting of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) and the public consultation to be conducted in the second half of 2007 on the development of public service broadcasting in Hong Kong including the future of RTHK at the November regular meeting.

(Post-meeting note: At the request of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Panel Chairman, the discussion of the item "Review on public service broadcasting and issues related to the future of Radio Television Hong Kong" was deferred and replaced by the item of "Progress in the implementation of digital terrestrial television broadcasting". The revised agenda for the regular Panel meeting on 12 November 2007 was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)123/07-08 on 25 October 2007.)

List of outstanding items for discussion

11. Ms Emily LAU suggested and other members agreed to request the Administration to indicate more specifically the proposed timing for discussion of each item on the "List of outstanding items for discussion".

IV Any other business

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:00 am.