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Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 14 October 2008, at 11:20 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon LEE Wing-tat (Deputy Chairman)
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun
Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP

Members absent : Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon WONG Yuk-man
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP

Clerk in attendance : Ms YUE Tin-po
Chief Council Secretary (1)3

Staff in attendance : Mrs Constance LI
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Annette LAM
Senior Council Secretary (1)3

Mr KWONG Kam-fai
Council Secretary (1)3

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 CHAN Kam-lam, member of the Panel with the highest precedence among the members present, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel and invited nominations for the chairmanship. Mr Andrew LEUNG was nominated by Mr LEE Wing-tat and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Yung-kan. Mr Andrew LEUNG accepted the nomination.

2. As there was no other nomination, Mr CHAN Kam-lam declared that Mr Andrew LEUNG was elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr LEE Wing-tat was nominated by Ms Cyd HO and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Kam-lam. Mr LEE Wing-tat accepted the nomination. As there was no other nominations, the Chairman declared that Mr LEE Wing-tat was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2008-2009 session

4. Members noted the proposed meeting schedule tabled at the meeting and agreed that regular meetings of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session would be held on the second Monday of each month at 2:30 pm. As the second Monday of April 2009 fell on a Easter public holiday, members agreed that the April meeting would be re-scheduled to Tuesday, 7 April 2009 at 4:30 pm. The notice and agenda for each Panel meeting would be issued to members nearer the time.

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

Policy briefing on 21 October 2008

5. The Chairman reminded members that a meeting would be held on Tuesday, 21 October 2008 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building to receive a briefing by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (SCED) on the relevant policy initiatives featuring in the Chief Executive's 2008-2009 Policy Address.

Regular meeting on 10 November 2008

6. Members noted that the Administration had proposed to discuss the following agenda items at the next regular meeting to be held on 10 November:

- (a) Assignment of Available Spectrum in 1800 MHz Band for Provision of Mobile Public Services;
- (b) Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX – New administrative computer systems; and
- (c) Review of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance (COIAO) (Cap. 390).

7. On item (c), Ms Cyd HO said that the public consultation on the review of the COIAO launched on 3 October 2008 had drawn widespread public concern. She noted that some of the suggested measures, such as the requirements for Internet users to input credit card data before accessing webpage containing indecent materials and for Internet service providers to provide filtering software, would have implications on the free flow of information and personal privacy. In this connection, she suggested that deputations/interested parties and representatives from the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data should be invited to attend the meeting and provide submissions on the subject. Mr CHAN Kam-lam was of the view that the Panel would not have sufficient time for deliberation on all three items in one meeting. He suggested that alternative arrangements be made, such as extending the meeting time, deferring a less time-critical item to a later meeting, or holding a special meeting on COIAO. Noting members' views, the Chairman said that the Clerk would liaise with the Administration to make appropriate arrangements.

Clerk

(Post-meeting note: At the direction of the Chairman, the meeting originally scheduled for 10 November 2008 has been re-scheduled to 20 November 2008 at 2:30 pm to discuss items (b) and (c). Notice of the meeting has been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)75/08-09 issued on 23 October 2008.)

Work plan for the 2008-2009 session

8. Dr Samson TAM suggested that the Administration should be invited to brief members on the changes to the governance structure of the Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited, a non-profit organization endorsed by the Government to oversee the administration and management of the domain names ending with ".hk". The Chairman noted Dr TAM's suggestion and said that he would hold a meeting with SCED to discuss the work plan of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session. He invited members to notify the Clerk in writing by 27 October 2008 if they wished to have any other proposed agenda items for the Panel meetings to be held from December 2008 to July 2009.

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:40 am.

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