

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 16 April 2010)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong

The Administration will update members on the latest developments of Mainland policies and legislation that will affect HK-owned enterprises. At the Panel meeting held on 16 March 2010, members agreed that the Administration should update the Panel on the effect of the new Postal Law of the Mainland on Hong Kong courier enterprises operating on the Mainland and the assistance provided to Hong Kong processing trade which had difficulties in operating their businesses on the Mainland.

18 May 2010

2. Reports on the work of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices and Beijing Office

The Heads of Economic and Trade Offices and the Beijing Office will brief the Panel on their work during the annual meeting in Hong Kong.

15 June 2010

3. Revitalization review of industrial estate and its admission criteria

At the Panel meeting held on 6 July 2004, the Administration was requested to conduct a review on the policy and procedures concerning the admission of industries into the industrial estates and the measures to ensure a level playing field and equitable treatment for interested parties seeking entry into the industrial estates. Members requested the Administration to report the outcome of the review to the Panel in due course. The Administration advised in June 2008 that the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTPC), which managed the industrial estates, was progressing with a strategic study on the revitalization of the industrial estates. The study would review, amongst other things, the admission criteria to the industrial estates and the admission mechanism. The study would be completed in the second quarter of 2010. The Administration would revisit relevant issues and provide a comprehensive report to the Panel after HKSTPC's consultancy study was completed.

15 June 2010
(To be confirmed)

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for discussion**

4. Annual progress report of the Research and Development Centres

The Administration will brief members on the annual progress reports from the Research and Development Centres.

15 June 2010
(To be confirmed)

5. Progress update on the implementation of the Road Cargo System

Following completion of the necessary infrastructure, the Road Cargo System (an electronic advance cargo information system for customs clearance) was rolled out for trial run on 29 March 2010. Subject to LegCo's negative vetting of the relevant commencement notice, the statutory transitional period of 18 months will start on 17 May 2010. An information note will be issued to the Panel in mid-April 2010, briefing members on matters including the steps that are being taken to encourage early migration to the system.

To be confirmed

6. Economic and trade co-operation between Hong Kong and Taiwan

The Administration will update members on the latest development of economic and trade co-operation between Hong Kong and Taiwan, in particular the progress made in the areas of trade, investment and tourism, and the effectiveness of the promotion activities of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council's Taipei Office.

To be confirmed

7. Progress of the World Trade Organization Doha Development Agenda Negotiations

The Administration will update members on the current round of multilateral trade negotiations under the World Trade Organization, as and when there are significant developments.

To be confirmed

8. Progress on further liberalization under Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement

The Administration will update members as and when further liberalization is agreed.

To be confirmed

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9. 2009 Hong Kong/Shenzhen Co-operation Meeting

The Administration will brief the Panel on the major outcomes of the Hong Kong/Shenzhen Co-operation Meeting held on 30 November 2009.

To be confirmed

10. Establishing Hong Kong's own standard of patent registration regime

Raised by Hon WONG Ting-kwong at the Panel meeting on 15 December 2009.

To be confirmed

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