

**Panel on Commerce and Industry**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(position as at 16 May 2011)

**Proposed timing**  
**for discussion**

**1. Reports on the work of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices and the Office of the Government of the HKSAR in Beijing**

The Heads of Economic and Trade Offices and the Office of the Government of the HKSAR in Beijing will brief the Panel on their work since their last report in June 2010.

21 June 2011

**2. Small and medium enterprise funding schemes**

The Administration will brief members on its proposal to increase the financial commitment of the SME Export Marketing Fund and SME Development Fund by \$1 billion, and the guarantee commitment of the SME Loan Guarantee Scheme by \$10 billion.

21 June 2011

At the Panel meeting on 19 April 2011, members agreed that the Panel should discuss the impact of the earthquake and radiation leakage in Japan on Hong Kong enterprises, and the provision of support measures, including funding schemes, for SMEs in coping with the difficulties during the incidents at the June meeting. Members requested that the Administration should contact the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, major local trade and industry associations, with a view to understanding the latest impact of the incidents in Japan on local SMEs. Relevant statistics and figures on Hong Kong's import and export trade before and after the incidents should be provided to the Panel. The Administration should also include any proposed relief measures for SMEs in this regard in its discussion paper for the June meeting.

**3. Annual progress report of Research and Development Centres**

The Administration will brief members on the annual progress report of the Research and Development Centres.

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**4. Rent allowance for officers posted outside Hong Kong**

The Administration will brief members on the review of the rent allowance mechanism and its proposal to revise the rent allowance payable to officers posted outside Hong Kong.

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**5. 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.

19 July 2011

**6. Progress report on the Research and Development Cash Rebate Scheme**

The Administration will brief members on the progress in the implementation of the Research and Development Cash Rebate Scheme.

19 July 2011

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

The Administration will update members on the latest 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 the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement**

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest development of the economic and trade co-operation and exchanges between the HKSAR Government and the Central People's Government under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement.

To be confirmed

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**9. Development of the exhibition industry in Hong Kong**

At the Panel meeting on 21 December 2010, the Panel discussed the development of the exhibition industry in Hong Kong, in particular the promotion of the Meetings, Incentive travels, Conventions and Exhibitions (MICE) industry, measures to encourage the utilization of the existing convention and exhibition facilities, as well as the Hong Kong Trade Development Council's assistance for local small and medium enterprises and new exhibitors. Members urged the Administration to provide a more level playing field for AsiaWorld-Expo to compete with the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on an equal footing, and help sort out their differences which posed barriers to co-operation. The Administration will update the Panel on the latest development of the exhibition industry in Hong Kong. Stakeholders will be invited to present their views on the issue.

End 2011