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Panel on Home Affairs

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 14 October 2010, at 9:50 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** :
- Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP (Chairman)
 - Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH (Deputy Chairman)
 - Hon James TO Kun-sun
 - Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
 - Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP
 - Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
 - Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
 - Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP
 - Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
 - Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
 - Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
 - Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP
 - Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
 - Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
 - Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, BBS, JP
 - Hon CHAN Hak-kan
 - Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
 - Hon WONG Sing-chi
 - Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun
 - Hon CHAN Tanya
 - Hon WONG Yuk-man
- Clerk in attendance** :
- Ms Betty FONG
 - Chief Council Secretary (2)2

Staff in attendance : Ms Yvonne OA-YANG
Council Secretary (2)2

Ms Anna CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (2)3

Miss Cerry YU
Legislative Assistant (2)2

Miss Monique TSEUNG
Clerical Assistant (2) 2

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman
[Appendix III and IV to LC Paper No. CB(2)4/10-11]

Election of Chairman

The Chairman called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session. Mr IP Kwok-him, the incumbent Chairman, was nominated by Mr LAU Sau-shing and the nomination was seconded by Ms Cyd HO and Mr WONG Yung-kan. Mr IP Kwok-him accepted the nomination. As the incumbent Chairman was nominated for the office, Mr KAM Nai-wai, the incumbent Deputy Chairman, presided over the election of the Chairman.

2. As there was no other nomination, Mr KAM Nai-wai declared Mr IP Kwok-him elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session. Mr IP Kwok-him then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session. Mr KAM Nai-wai was nominated by Mr WONG Sing-chi and the nomination was seconded by Ms Cyd HO. Mr KAM Nai-wai accepted the nomination.

4. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr KAM Nai-wai elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2010-2011 session

5. Members agreed that the regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the second Friday of each month at 8:30 am, except for the meeting scheduled

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for 11 March 2011. Members further agreed that the meeting for March would be held on 18 March 2011 instead.

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

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6. Referring to the "List of outstanding items for discussion", the Chairman invited further views from members on the items to be deliberated in the 2010-2011 session.

Regular meeting to be held on 12 November 2010

7. Members noted that the Administration had proposed to discuss the following items at the next regular meeting scheduled for 12 November 2010 -

- (a) Implementation of the recommendations of the 2006 District Council ("DC") Review and other DC-related issues under the purview of the Home Affairs Department; and
- (b) Proposed creation of one permanent Chief Systems Manager (D1) post in the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

8. Regarding item (a), members noted that the Administration would brief the Panel on the progress of the review on DC members' remuneration package. Ms Emily LAU suggested that apart from representatives of the Home Affairs Bureau, relevant officials from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau should also attend the meeting to advise members on the powers and responsibilities of DCs, which in her view should be studied in conjunction with the review of DC members' remuneration package.

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9. The Deputy Chairman suggested and members agreed that the bid to host the 2023 Asian Games should be further discussed at the regular meeting on 12 November 2010. Members further agreed that the public hearing to gauge the views of the 18 DCs, the respective National Sports Associations, and athletes on the bid to host the Games, together with the follow-up discussion proposed by Miss Tanya CHAN, should be held on 29 November 2010 after the closing of the 16th Asian Games in Guangzhou.

Other items proposed for discussion at future meetings

Monitoring of private recreational leases

10. Miss Tanya CHAN considered that issues relating to the compliance of the conditions of government leases by private clubs should be discussed no later than the end of 2010, as many of these leases would expire in 2011 or 2012.

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Monitoring of unlicensed hotels and guesthouses

11. In the light of the "discourteous tourist guide" incident, Mr Paul TSE considered that the discussion on the monitoring of unlicensed hotels and guesthouses should be held as soon as possible for the early formulation of preventive measures to tackle the issue.

Development of library services

Clerk 12. Mr WONG Kwok-hing considered that the Panel should closely monitor the implementation of the trial scheme for the setting up of drop-in boxes for library books and other library items at major MTR interchange stations, as stated in the 2010-2011 Policy Address. The Chairman instructed that the Administration should be requested to provide the Panel with a progress report on the scheme.

Election of members to the Arts Development Council ("HKADC")

13. Referring to the concern of some members of the public which suggested that the election procedures for HKADC members returned by the arts constituencies was confusing and lacking in transparency, Ms Cyd HO considered that HKADC should review the existing mechanism for the election and appointment of its council members with a view to ensuring the fairness of the system.

Commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 1911 Revolution

14. Mr WONG Yuk-man said that Hong Kong had played a significant role in the 1911 Revolution, as it was where Dr Sun Yat-sen received his secondary and university education and the cradle of his revolutionary thoughts and uprising plans. Mr WONG suggested that the Administration should support the organization of various publicity activities to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 1911 Revolution under the "Mega Events Fund" in the coming year.

Clerk 15. The Chairman concluded that members' views and suggestions would be conveyed to the Administration, or included in the list of outstanding items for discussion, as appropriate.

IV. Any Other Business

Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project

16. The Chairman, who was also the incumbent Chairman of the Joint

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Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project ("the Subcommittee"), briefed members of the Subcommittee's recommendation for the continuation of its work in the 2010-2011 session in accordance with House Rule 26(c), so as to keep monitoring various ongoing issues relating to the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District project. He then invited members' view on the proposal. Members raised no objection. The Chairman said that subject to the endorsement of members of the Panel on Development, a report to propose the extension of the Subcommittee for a period of 12 months would be made to the House Committee. As regards the membership of the Subcommittee, members agreed that it should be re-opened.

17. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:07 am.

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