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Panel on Home Affairs

Minutes of meeting

**held on Thursday, 13 October 2011, at 5:00 pm to 5:20 pm
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** :
- Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP (Chairman)
 - Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH (Deputy Chairman)
 - Hon James TO Kun-sun
 - Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP
 - Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
 - Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP
 - Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
 - Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
 - 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 WONG Sing-chi
 - Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
- Members absent** :
- Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
 - Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
 - Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
 - Hon Tanya CHAN
 - Hon WONG Yuk-man

Clerk in attendance : Mr Thomas WONG
Chief Council Secretary (2)2

Staff in attendance : Miss Odelia LEUNG
Assistant Secretary General 2

Ms Alice LEUNG
Senior Council Secretary (2)2

Miss Jasmine TAM
Council Secretary (2)2

Miss Emma CHEUNG
Legislative Assistant (2)2

Ms Carol LAM
Clerical Assistant (2) 2

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman
[Appendices III and IV to LC Paper No. CB(2)8/11-12]

Election of Chairman

The Chairman called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel on Home Affairs ("the Panel") for the 2011-2012 session. Mr IP Kwok-him, the incumbent Chairman, was nominated by Mr CHAN Hak-kan, and the nomination was seconded by Dr LAM Tai-fai and Mr James TO. 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. Mr IP Kwok-him took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

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3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2011-2012 session. Mr KAM Nai-wai was nominated by Mr WONG Sing-chi, and the nomination was seconded by Dr LAM Tai-fai, Mr CHAN Hak-kan and Mr James TO. 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.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2011-2012 session

5. Members agreed that following the arrangement in the 2010-2011 session, the Panel's regular meetings would be held on the second Friday of each month at 8:30 am, except that the November meeting in 2011 would be held on 15 November and the March, April and July meetings in 2012 would be held on 16 March, 20 April and 6 July 2012 respectively.

[Post-meeting note: The Panel's regular meeting schedule for the 2011-2012 session was issued to members vide LC paper No. CB(2)70/11-12 dated 13 October 2011.]

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

[Appendix V and VI to LC Paper No. CB(2)8/11-12]

Agenda items for the meeting on 15 November 2011

6. Members noted the Administration's request for the Panel to discuss the proposed creation of a supernumerary directorate post in the Home Affairs Department to support the initiatives of regulation of the property management industry and review of the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344), and agreed to discuss the proposal at the regular meeting on 15 November 2011.

7. Members also noted that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman would discuss with the Administration at an informal meeting the Panel's work plan for the 2011-2012 session, including the other agenda items for the November meeting of the Panel.

[Post-meeting note: The aforesaid informal meeting had been scheduled for 24 October 2011 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.]

Items for discussion at future meetings

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Multi-purpose Stadium Complex ("MPSC") at Kai Tak

8. The Deputy Chairman and Mr Timothy FOK noted from the 2011-2012 Policy Address the Administration's continuation of the development of MPSC at Kai Tak. They called on the Administration to update the Panel on the implementation progress of the project, given its importance to the sports development in Hong Kong. Ms Miriam LAU and Prof Patrick LAU hoped that the discussion on the project would cover the site selection for MPSC and the pedestrian and vehicular accessibility. Members raised no objection.

Strategy for developing cultural, leisure and water sports activities in East Kowloon

9. Mr Paul TSE expressed support for the Administration's proposed development of a wide range of cultural, leisure and water sports activities in East Kowloon, which covered the Kai Tak Development Area. He considered it necessary for the Administration to discuss its development strategy with the Panel. The Chairman advised that the Panel might discuss the strategy for developing such activities, which fell under the purview of the Panel.

Use of public open space

10. Ms Cyd HO opined that the use of public open space (such as public parks and gardens) managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department had been subject to various regulations, which were not conducive to the promotion of arts and cultural activities. She suggested that to tie in with the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD") and facilitate the arts and cultural development in Hong Kong, the Panel should discuss with the Administration the feasibility of reviewing the existing legislation and Government's policy on the use of public open space. Members raised no objection.

Book drop service at Mass Transit Railway ("MTR") stations

11. The Deputy Chairman noted that the public libraries in Hong Kong had provided since 29 September 2011 book drop service at three major MTR interchange stations on a trial basis for people to return borrowed library books. He suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the implementation of the trial service and the way forward. Members raised no objection.

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12. The Chairman concluded that members' suggested items would be included on the list of outstanding items for discussion where appropriate, and the list would be forwarded to the Administration.

IV. Any other business

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

13. The Chairman, who was also the incumbent Chairman of the Joint Subcommittee, briefed members on the Joint Subcommittee's recommendation for continuation of its work in the 2011-2012 session in accordance with House Rule 26(c) in order to monitor various ongoing issues related to the development of WKCD. Members agreed to the Joint Subcommittee's recommendation and noted that with the endorsement of both the Panel on Home Affairs and the Panel on Development, a proposal for continuation of the work of the Joint Subcommittee in the 2011-2012 session would be submitted to the House Committee for consideration. Members noted that the membership of the Joint Subcommittee would be re-opened.

14. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:20 pm.

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