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Panel on Security

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Security arrangements during visits of political dignitaries to Hong Kong

Purpose

This paper summarizes the discussions by the Panel on Security ("the Panel") on the security arrangements during visits of political dignitaries to Hong Kong.

Background

2. The Vice-Premier of the State Council, Mr LI Keqiang, paid an official visit to Hong Kong from 16 to 18 August 2011. Arising from concerns over the security measures and media coverage arrangements during the official visit, including those at the University of Hong Kong and at the Laguna City, the Panel held two special meetings in late August and September 2011 to discuss, among others, the security arrangements and handling of public meetings and public processions during visits of political dignitaries to Hong Kong.

Deliberations by the Panel

3. The Panel discussed the subject and received the views of the University of Hong Kong as well as other deputations and individuals concerned at its special meetings on 29 August and 12 September 2011. Concerns were raised over the legal basis for the Police's security arrangements and designation of "core security zones" for the protection of visiting political dignitaries, the international practices for protecting visiting political dignitaries, the security arrangements at the University of Hong Kong, and the media coverage arrangements and the security arrangements at Laguna City. The verbatim transcripts of the special meetings on 29 August and 12 September 2011 are in <http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/chinese/panels/se/minutes/se20110829.pdf> and <http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/chinese/panels/se/minutes/se20110912.pdf> respectively.

4. Members noted the announcement of the Council of the University of Hong Kong on 30 August 2011 that a panel would be set up to review issues arising from the Centenary Ceremony on 18 August 2011. The University of Hong Kong announced on 17 September 2011 that the panel would conduct its review in three stages, including fact finding, collection of comments and formulation of recommendations to the University Council. The panel was chaired by Mr Lester Garson HUANG, a member of the University Council, and comprised representatives from the University community, including students, staff, alumni and members of the University Council. The panel expected that the review would be completed by the end of January 2012.

5. Motions were proposed by Hon Emily LAU, Hon Audrey EU, Hon LAU Kong-wah and Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung respectively at the special meeting on 12 September 2011 under the item "Security arrangements and handling of public meetings and public processions at the Central Government Complex and during visits of political dignitaries to Hong Kong". The wording of the motions is in LC Paper Nos. CB(2)2562/10-11(05), 2610/10-11(01), CB(2)2619/10-11(05) and (06) issued on 31 August, 9 and 15 September 2011 respectively. Owing to time constraint, the motions were dealt with at the special meeting on 7 October 2011.

6. The four motions were put to vote at the special meeting on 7 October 2011. The motion moved by Hon LAU Kong-wah, among others, urging the Independent Police Complaints Council to release to the public and submit to the Legislative Council the report on the investigation of the complaints about the security arrangements by the Police upon its completion, was passed. The motions moved by Hon Emily LAU, Hon Audrey EU and Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung respectively were negatived.

Latest development

7. The Panel will be briefed on the Police's review of security arrangements during visits of political dignitaries to Hong Kong at its meeting on 7 February 2012.

Relevant papers

8. A list of the relevant papers on the Legislative Council website is in the **Appendix**.

**Relevant papers on
Security arrangements during visits of political dignitaries to Hong Kong**

Committee	Date of meeting	Paper
Panel on Security	29.8.2011 (Item I)	<u>Agenda</u> <u>Verbatim record of the proceedings</u>
Panel on Security	12.9.2011 (Item I)	<u>Agenda</u> <u>Verbatim record of the proceedings</u>
Panel on Security	7.10.2011 (Item I)	<u>Agenda</u> Minutes

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