

Item V: Mainland Liaison Work of the ICAC – Review and the Way Forward (CACCR Paper 11/2009)

7. [Assistant Director/Community Relations 1] introduced highlights of the Paper to Members.

8. (Deletion) agreed that the ICAC should enhance its research capabilities and suggested making reference to the documentary archive of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office. (Deletion) added that the ICAC could improve its research capabilities by collaborating with universities.

9. (Deletion) asked how law enforcement work could be facilitated after the Community Relations Department (CRD) strengthened exchanges and cooperation with the Mainland. He was also interested in understanding the role played by the ICAC concerning the Taiwan-related anti-corruption issues. (Deletion) added that before exploring the mainland media channels for publicity purposes, the ICAC should first study the Mainland cultural background with a view to making productions which could resonate easily with the audience.

10. (Deletion) appreciated the new positioning and strategies of the ICAC's Mainland liaison work. He hoped that the ICAC and the Mainland law enforcement bodies could make a breakthrough at the enforcement work front.

11. (Deletion) approved of the Commission's intensifying interaction with the Mainland. She suggested that the ICAC could cooperate with the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce in providing corruption prevention and educational services to the private sector for strengthening internal controls.

12. (Deletion) considered the Mainland liaison approach taken by the ICAC very comprehensive. He suggested that the ICAC could also develop a network with NGOs, such as professional bodies and chambers of commerce, to improve efficacy of its preventive education work.

13. (Deletion) welcomed the suggestions put forward in the Paper, but reiterated that the ICAC should not neglect the anti-corruption work in Hong Kong. He continued to inquire about the Commission's allocation

of resources in view of the strong demand for preventive educational services on the Mainland.

14. (Deletion) suggested that the ICAC could make better use of the internet for publicity purposes. He also proposed that the ICAC could focus on the moral education of Mainland youth. (Deletion) pointed out that many Mainland students were taking courses held in Hong Kong on corporate governance and business administration, and that the ICAC could add some elements of business ethics to the relevant courses.

15. (Deletion) suggested that the ICAC should contact those Hong Kong training institutions which provided training for Mainland personnel so as to incorporate Hong Kong's anti-corruption experience into their relevant courses.

16. (Deletion) reported that according to the opinions given by (Deletion) prior to the meeting, the ICAC might consider developing e-learning programmes so that more Mainland officials could learn from Hong Kong's anti-graft experience. In addition, the ICAC should conduct more systematic studies.

17. (Deletion) replied that the Centre of Anti-Corruption Studies would conduct research on relevant topics with a view to formulating appropriate strategies. He continued that the ICAC had been maintaining close partnership with the law enforcement agencies on the Mainland and the Mutual Case Assistance Scheme had been implemented for over 20 years. With an increase of exchanges between Hong Kong and the Mainland China, enhanced co-operation on the law enforcement front could surely be achieved through promoting mutual understanding and consensus.

18. (Deletion) remarked that the ICAC would continue to reinforce links with chambers of commerce, increase the use of Internet for publicity purposes and reach the executive and managerial staff through business administration programmes. As for the Member's suggestion that more Mainland officials should be invited to attend the ICAC courses, the Commission would actively consider it subject to the availability of resources.

19. (Deletion) continued that the ICAC would properly deploy internal resources to carry out the Mainland liaison work as well as review the ICAC's positioning in district promotional activities. In regard to the

issue of Taiwan, (Deletion) stated that it was within the terms of reference of the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau. However, he agreed that the fight against corruption was definitely not confined to some territories, but a common initiative of all nations and territories. He wished that there could be developments in that regard within a short time.