

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 14 June 2013)

Proposed timing
for discussion

1. Progress on further liberalization under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest developments of the economic and trade co-operation and exchanges between the HKSAR Government and the Central People's Government (CPG) under CEPA, as and when there are significant developments.

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 16 October 2012, Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong requested the Administration to brief the Panel on efforts to complement CPG's policy of basically achieving liberalization of trade in services to Hong Kong by the end of the National 12th Five-Year Plan period.

2. Copyright protection in the digital environment

In the 2011-2012 legislative session, the Administration has withdrawn its notice to resume the Second Reading debate on the Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2011 at the Council meeting of 9 May 2012.

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 16 October 2012, Hon Charles Peter MOK suggested that the Administration be invited to brief the Panel on the proposed way forward for strengthening copyright protection in the digital environment.

3. Progress of the World Trade Organization Doha Development Agenda Negotiations

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest round of multilateral trade negotiations under the World Trade Organization, as and when there are significant developments.

To be confirmed

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4. Promoting wider application of intellectual property rights through tax reduction

The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2011 (the Bill) was passed by the Legislative Council on 7 December 2011. The main object of the Bill was to extend the scope of specified intellectual property rights (IPRs) of profit tax deduction to cover capital expenditure for purchase of three types of IPRs, namely registered trade marks, copyrights and registered designs.

To be confirmed

Taking into consideration that the objective of the proposed tax deduction was to promote the wider application of IPRs, the Bills Committee had requested the Administration to relay to the Financial Secretary for future consideration outside the context of the Bill the suggestion of extending the proposed tax deduction scheme to more types of IPRs. At the request of the Bills Committee, the issue had been referred to the Panel for consideration to follow up. Panel members agreed that the issue should be discussed at a future Panel meeting.

5. Diversified development of industries in Hong Kong

At the Panel meeting on 29 October 2012, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan suggested that the Administration be invited to brief the Panel on the initiatives in promoting diversified development of industries in Hong Kong.

To be confirmed

Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan wrote to the Panel Chairman on 1 November 2012 suggesting that the Administration be invited to brief the Panel on the initiatives in promoting the development of the fashion industry.