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Panel on Home Affairs and Panel on Development

**Minutes of joint meeting
held on Friday, 11 January 2013, at 2:00 pm
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members
present**

: Members of the Panel on Home Affairs

- Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP (Chairman)
- * Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Deputy Chairman)
- Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
- * Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
- Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP
- Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
- * Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
- Hon Steven HO Chun-yin
- * Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
- Hon YIU Si-wing
- * Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
- * Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
- Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
- Hon IP Kin-yuen
- * Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
- Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP

Members of the Panel on Development

- Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
- Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
- Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
- Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP
- Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP
- Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
- Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
- Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
- Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon CHAN Han-pan
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, BBS, MH, JP

**Members
absent** : Members of the Panel on Home Affairs

Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, SBS, JP
* Hon Claudia MO
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen

Members of the Panel on Development

Dr Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, JP
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

(* Also members of the Panel on Development)

(# Also Deputy Chairman of the Panel on Development)

**Clerk in
attendance** : Ms Alice LEUNG
Chief Council Secretary (2) 2

**Staff in
attendance** : Miss Josephine SO
Senior Council Secretary (2) 2

Miss Jasmine TAM
Council Secretary (2) 2

Miss Emma CHEUNG
Legislative Assistant (2) 2

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I. Election of Chairman

Mr MA Fung-kwok, Chairman of the Panel on Home Affairs ("HA Panel"), informed members that Dr LAU Wong-fat, Chairman of the Panel on Development ("DEV Panel"), was unable to attend the joint meeting. Members agreed that Mr MA Fung-kwok chaired the joint meeting.

2. The Chairman declared that he was a member of the Board of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority ("WKCD").

II. Proposal for the appointment of a joint subcommittee to monitor the implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District project (LC Paper No. CB(2)459/12-13(01))

3. The Chairman recapitulated that HA Panel and DEV Panel agreed at their respective meetings on 14 December 2012 and 7 January 2013 to appoint a joint subcommittee under the two Panels to monitor the implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District project ("the Joint Subcommittee"). A proposal setting out the proposed terms of reference ("TOR"), work plan and time frame of the Joint Subcommittee had been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)459/12-13(01). The Chairman also drew members' attention to rules 22(u) and 26(c) of the House Rules ("HR") regarding the appointment and operation of subcommittees.

4. Mr Alan LEONG said that an enormous input of public money was involved in the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD") project which had far-reaching implications for the future development of Hong Kong, and a joint subcommittee had been formed under HA and DEV Panels in the Fourth Legislative Council ("LegCo") to monitor the implementation of the WKCD project. The Civic Party supported the appointment of the Joint Subcommittee in the current-term LegCo to continue the monitoring work.

5. Ms Cyd HO, Mr IP Kwok-him, Ms Emily LAU, Miss Alice MAK and Dr Helena WONG also expressed support for the appointment of the Joint Subcommittee. Mr IP said that taking account of the public aspiration for the WKCD project, the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong was supportive of the formation of the Joint Subcommittee under HA and DEV Panels to monitor and follow up the implementation progress of the project. Miss MAK said that given the importance of the WKCD project to the long-term development of arts and culture in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions supported the early establishment of the Joint Subcommittee to facilitate the monitoring of the progress of the

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project. Dr WONG considered that as the development of WKCD straddled various policy areas which were under the purviews of HA and DEV Panels, the establishment of the Joint Subcommittee would enable LegCo to monitor the project in a more efficient manner.

6. Noting that in accordance with HR 26(c), a subcommittee should complete its work within 12 months of its commencement and report to the relevant Panel(s), Ms Cyd HO said that the Joint Subcommittee might not be able to complete its work within the stipulated timeframe as the development of WKCD was a long-term project to be completed in two phases. The Chairman advised that the Joint Subcommittee could consider the need for continuation of its work before the expiration of the 12-month period. Should the Joint Subcommittee consider it necessary to work beyond 12 months, the Joint Subcommittee should report to the House Committee and give justifications for an extension of the 12-month period after obtaining the endorsement of the Panels.

7. On paragraph 6(c) of the proposal relating to the strategy for the development of cultural software, Mr Christopher CHUNG considered that the Joint Subcommittee should follow up issues relating to arts education, nurturing of local audience to support the development of arts and culture, and promotion of cultural industries in Hong Kong. Referring to paragraph 6(d) of the proposal, Ms Emily LAU suggested that the Joint Subcommittee should also monitor the financial position of the WKCD project and WKCDA's management of the upfront endowment of \$21.6 billion for the project. On members' suggestions, the Chairman said that the Joint Subcommittee could discuss its work plan in more detail after its establishment and decide on the priorities of issues for discussion.

8. In concluding the discussion, the Chairman said that members agreed to the appointment of the Joint Subcommittee under HA and DEV Panels with the proposed TOR, work plan and time frame as set out in the proposal.

III. Any other business

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:11 pm.