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**Panel on Environmental Affairs**

**Minutes of meeting**  
**held on Tuesday, 16 October 2012, at 11:20 am**  
**in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Chairman)  
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun,  
BBS, MH, JP (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP  
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP  
Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin  
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH  
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai  
Hon Charles Peter MOK  
Hon CHAN Han-pan  
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok  
Hon KWOK Wai-keung  
Hon Dennis KWOK  
Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan  
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP  
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kiwok, BBS, MH, JP  
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan  
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen
- Member attending** : Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP

**Clerk in attendance** : Ms Miranda HON  
Chief Council Secretary (1)1

**Staff in attendance** : Mr Andy LAU  
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mrs Mary TANG  
Senior Council Secretary (1)1

Miss Lilian MOK  
Council Secretary (1)1

Ms Alice CHEUNG  
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM  
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Miss Mandy POON  
Legislative Assistant (1)1

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**I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

Election of Chairman

Mr Vincent FANG, the member who had the highest precedence among those who joined the Panel, presided over the election of Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session.

2. Mr Vincent FANG invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Ms Cyd HO was nominated by Mr Charles Peter MOK and the nomination was seconded by Dr Helena WONG. Ms Cyd HO accepted the nomination.

3. There being no other nominations, Ms Cyd HO was declared Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session.

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Election of Deputy Chairman

4. Ms Cyd HO took the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr Christopher CHUNG was nominated by Mr Steven HO and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Han-pan. Mr Christopher CHUNG accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr Christopher CHUNG was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session.

**II. Schedule of meetings for the 2012-2013 session**

5. Members noted the proposed schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session, which was tabled at the meeting.

6. Members agreed that all meetings of the Panel would be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 2:30 pm, except for the meeting in December 2012 which would be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2012, at 4:30 pm.

*(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule for the 2012-2013 session was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)37/12-13 on 17 October 2012.)*

**III. Items for discussion at next meeting**

7. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the next regular meeting to be held on Monday, 22 October 2012, at 2:30 pm -

- (a) Briefing by the Secretary for the Environment on the key environmental initiatives; and
- (b) Update on the incentive scheme on the use of cleaner fuel by ocean going vessels at berth.

8. Referring to the "List of issues suggested to be considered" tabled at the meeting, members agreed to include the following additional items to the list for future discussion by the Panel -

- (a) Tariff reviews with the two power companies - Dr Kenneth CHAN requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the tariff reviews with the two power companies,

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taking into account the need for upgrading emission reduction facilities and using cleaner fuels for power generation. The Chairman suggested that a joint meeting with the Panel on Economic Development be held to discuss the item;

- (b) Review of Air Quality Objectives - Mr CHAN Hak-kan requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the review of Air Quality Objectives;
- (c) Impact of dumping and dredging on the marine environment - Mr Christopher CHUNG, Mr Albert CHAN and Mr Steven HO expressed concern about the impact of dumping of mud and waste (e.g. used syringes thrown out from vessels) as well as dredging works (particularly those in relation to cross-boundary construction projects) on the marine environment, and requested the Administration to explore ways to address the problem;
- (d) Impact of submarine engineering works on marine ecology - Mr Christopher CHUNG expressed concern about the impact of submarine engineering works, including the laying of submarine cables, on marine ecology and would like to be briefed on the corresponding measures taken by the Administration;
- (e) Measures to address noise impact on existing roads - Mr CHAN Han-pan, Mr Albert CHAN and Mr Christopher CHUNG expressed concern about the noise impact on existing roads, particularly at Texaco Road, and the noise problem caused by railways. They would like to be briefed on the progress of the noise mitigation measures taken by the Administration to address the traffic noise problem, including the retrofitting of noise barriers; and
- (f) Nature conservation policy - Dr Kenneth CHAN requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the latest development on the nature conservation policy.

9. On Mr CHAN Han-pan's request for discussing the wall effect of buildings, the Chairman said that as the subject fell within the purview of the Development Bureau, it should best be followed up by the Panel on Development.

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10. The Chairman said that a joint duty visit to Guangdong by the Panel on Environmental Affairs and the Panel on Economic Development, which was led by the President of the Legislative Council, was conducted in May 2009. She hoped that a similar visit by the two Panels could be arranged for members to exchange views with the Guangdong authorities on issues of mutual concern.

11. The Chairman also said that a Subcommittee on Improving Air Quality was formed in the last term. She suggested that the need for setting up a similar subcommittee be discussed at the next regular meeting on 22 October 2012.

**IV. Any other business**

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:35 am.

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