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**Panel on Economic Development**

**Minutes of meeting**  
**held on Tuesday, 16 October 2012, at 11:40 am**  
**in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members present** : Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP (Chairman)  
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP  
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP  
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC  
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP  
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP  
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming  
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH  
Hon YIU Si-wing  
Hon CHAN Han-pan  
Hon Dennis KWOK  
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, JP  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung  
Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP  
Hon TANG Ka-piu

**Member absent** : Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau

**Members attending:** Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP  
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP

**Clerk in attendance :** Mr Derek LO  
Chief Council Secretary (1)5

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

Mr Noel SUNG  
Senior Council Secretary (1)5

Mr Ken WOO  
Council Secretary (1)5

Ms Alice CHEUNG  
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM  
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms Michelle NIEN  
Legislative Assistant (1)5

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**I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

Election of Chairman for the 2012-2013 session

Mr Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, the Member with 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 Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr LAM was nominated by Mr James TIEN Pei-chun and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Ting-kwong. Mr LAM accepted the nomination. As Mr LAM was nominated as the chairman of the Panel, Mr Andrew LEUNG, the Member with the second highest precedence among those who joined the Panel, presided over the election of Chairman of the Panel.

3. Mr Andrew LEUNG invited further nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. There being no other nomination, Mr Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung was declared Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session. Mr LAM then took over the chair of the meeting.

Election of Deputy Chairman for the 2012-2013 session

4. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan was nominated by Mr WONG Ting-kwong and the nomination was seconded by Mr Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen. Mr CHUNG accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Mr CHUNG was elected 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 meetings for the 2012-2013 session tabled at the meeting and agreed that the regular monthly meetings of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session would be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:45 am except for the meeting in December 2012.

6. Mr SIN Chung-kai and Mr Michael TIEN pointed out that that the meeting for December proposed to be held on 18 December 2012 would clash with the meeting of the Panel on Manpower.

7. The Chairman suggested and members agreed that the regular meeting for December 2012 should be held on Tuesday, 11 December 2012 at 4:30 pm.

**III Items for discussion at future meetings**

8. Members noted the "List of issues suggested to be considered" (the List) and the "List of follow-up actions" prepared by the Clerk tabled at the meeting.

9. Members noted that the Administration had not proposed any items for discussion at the meeting on 22 October 2012. The Chairman asked members for proposals on discussion items for the meeting on 22 October 2012. Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan and Mr Michael TIEN said that even if members proposed items for discussion at the meeting, the Administration might not have sufficient time to prepare the paper(s) for discussion at the meeting. Members agreed that the meeting on 22 October 2012 should be cancelled unless the Administration proposed discussion items for the meeting.

Items for the meeting on 26 November 2012

10. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the regular meeting scheduled for 26 November 2012 –

- (a) Proposed controls over the amount of phthalates in certain toys and children's products;

- (b) Draft guidelines and other enforcement matters in respect of the fair trading provisions in the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 352); and
- (c) Pilotage (Amendment) Bill.

*(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat advised members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)115/12-13 issued on 2 November 2012 that at the request of the Administration, item (b) above originally scheduled for discussion at the meeting on 26 November 2012 would be deferred to another meeting to be confirmed.)*

Items for future meetings

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11. Mr TANG Ka-piu expressed concern that the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362) passed in the previous legislative session did not make provisions in response to the seven-day cooling-off period for consumers and opined that the Administration should brief the Panel regarding the way forward for the cooling-off period arrangements.
12. Mr Albert CHAN opined that the timing for discussion of the item "Update on Hong Kong Disneyland (HKD)", which was scheduled to be held in February 2013, should be advanced to November or December 2012, in view of members' concern about the development of HKD and the fact that HKD had, for the first time, recorded a profit last year.
13. Mr Paul TSE remarked that given the concern expressed by the shop operators in Lei Yue Mun and the community on the Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Enhancement Project, the Administration should be requested to brief the Panel on the project as soon as practicable.
14. Mr CHAN Han-pan remarked that many tourist spots had degenerated over the years. Given the continued increase in the number of tourists in the past few years, he opined that the Administration should include in the papers for the relevant discussion items details of the development of ancillary facilities for various tourist spots.
15. Mr SIN Chung-kai remarked that in the past year the Government had made proposals to reform the regulatory framework for the tourist industry. He opined that the Government should be requested to brief the Panel on the latest development of the reform measures. The Chairman said that while the Panel had discussed the issue in February 2012, the Administration would be requested to brief the Panel on the latest development in due course.

16. Mr Michael TIEN remarked that for the purpose of planning the development of the logistics industry, the Administration should be requested to provide information on the comparison of the logistics facilities of Hong Kong and other cities in the Pearl River Delta. The Chairman remarked that the Administration would be requested to provide the relevant information when the Panel discussed the item.

17. Mr WONG Ting-kwong enquired whether the Panel was the right platform for discussing the development of the bridgehead of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, as the project would involve different Government Bureaux and departments such as the Transport and Housing Bureau and the Development Bureau.

18. The Assistant Secretary General 1 (ASG1) advised that the development of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge as a transport infrastructure should come under the purview of the Panel on Transport whereas issues relating to the overall planning and development of the bridgehead should fall within the terms of reference of the Panel on Development.

19. The Chairman said that he would hold work-plan meetings with relevant Bureaux to work out the items for discussion at the Panel in the 2012-2013 session and that he would explore at those meetings whether and when the Administration was ready for discussing the items proposed by members.

20. Dr Fernando CHEUNG enquired whether the Panel would discuss the Government's policy on the development of agriculture, in view of the development in the New Territories and the impact of agriculture on Hong Kong's economy.

21. The Chairman remarked that the development of the agricultural industry might not fall within the terms of reference of the Panel and requested the Secretariat to check with the Administration which Bureau(x) was responsible for the subject matter.

*(Post-meeting note: The Administration indicated that the development of agriculture came under the purview of the Food and Hygiene Bureau and the Development Bureau.)*

*Timing for discussion of items*

22. Mr WU Chi-wai noted that the timing for discussion of a number of items on the List had to be confirmed. He enquired whether the Panel would discuss all the items on the List in the 2012-2013 session.



23. The Chairman replied that the Clerk to the Panel would check with the Administration on a monthly basis about the appropriate timing for discussion of the items on the List and would update the List accordingly. The Panel aimed to discuss all the items on the List in 2012-2013 as far as practicable.

**IV Any other business**

24. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

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