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Establishment Subcommittee of the Finance Committee

Minutes of the 2nd meeting held in Conference Room 1 of Legislative Council Complex on Wednesday, 13 November 2013, at 8:30 am

Members present:

Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP (Chairman)

Hon Kenneth LEUNG (Deputy Chairman)

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP

Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS

Hon YIU Si-wing

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Hon KWOK Wai-keung

Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, JP

Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP

Hon IP Kin-yuen

Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kwong, JP

Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH

Hon TANG Ka-piu

Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Members absent:

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung Hon Steven HO Chun-yin

Public Officers attending:

Ms Esther LEUNG, JP Deputy Secretary for Financial Services

and the Treasury (Treasury)1

Mr Eddie MAK Tak-wai, JP Deputy Secretary for the Civil Service (1)

Mr CHAN Chi-ming, JP Deputy Secretary for Development

(Works)2

Mr HON Chi-keung, JP Director of Civil Engineering and

Development

Mr IP Kwai-hang Deputy Head of Civil Engineering Office

(Project and Environmental

Management), Civil Engineering and

Development Department

Mrs LEE KWAN Siu-kuen, JP Head (Kai Tak Office), Civil

Engineering and Development

Department

Miss AU King-chi, JP Permanent Secretary for Financial

Services and the Treasury (Financial

Services)

Mr Jackie LIU Principal Assistant Secretary for

Financial Services and the Treasury

(Financial Services)

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Connie SZETO Chief Council Secretary (1)4

Staff in attendance:

Mr Andy LAU Assistant Secretary General 1

Mr Hugo CHIU Council Secretary (1)4

Ms Alice CHEUNG Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Ms Clara LO Legislative Assistant (1)9

<u>Action</u>

The Chairman drew members' attention to the two information papers provided by the Administration before the meeting. ECI(2013-14)6 provided an update on the overall directorate establishment position and advance information on possible proposals for creation and deletion of directorate posts in the 2013-2014 legislative session. ECI(2013-14)7 set out the latest changes in the directorate establishment approved since 2002.

- 2. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> suggested that Establishment Subcommittee (ESC) should discuss ECI(2013-14)6 at a future meeting and invite the Secretary for the Civil Service to join the discussion. <u>The Chairman</u> agreed with the proposal and invited the Administration's views on the matter.
- 3. <u>Deputy Secretary for the Civil Service (1)</u> said that the Administration would schedule discussion on ECI(2013-14)6 and follow the practice of the 2012-2013 legislative session in making the arrangement, including providing supplementary information on possible submissions on the directorate staffing proposals planned for submission to ESC in the legislative session. <u>Members</u> agreed that the proposed discussion be held at the next ESC meeting to be held in December 2013.

EC(2013-14)5

Proposed retention of three supernumerary posts of one Government Engineer/Government Architect (D2) and two Chief Engineer (D1) in Civil Engineering and Development Department for a period of five years with effect from 1 April 2014 to continue taking forward the Kai Tak Development and the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point projects

- 4. The Chairman said that the Administration's proposal was to retain three supernumerary posts of one Government Engineer/Government Architect (GE/GA) (D2) and two Chief Engineers (CE) (D1) in the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) for a period of five years with effect from 1 April 2014 to continue taking forward the Kai Tak Development (KTD) and the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point (BCP) project.
- The Chairman advised that the Panel on Development had been consulted on the proposal at its meeting on 22 October 2013. Panel members attended the meeting supported the proposal as both KTD and the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai BCP project were important to the development Four Members (including those belonging to the People of Hong Kong. Power) were opposed to the proposal. They pointed out that the planning of KTD had been substantially completed and comparing with the mode of development of conventional new towns, there was no strong justification to retain the two supernumerary posts under the Kai Tak Office (KTO). Panel members also considered that the existing four permanent CEs in the Civil Engineering Office of CEDD could share part of the work of the two supernumerary CEs so that the period for extending the two posts could be The Administration had provided supplementary information after the Panel meeting (LC Paper No. CB(1)236/13-14(01)) to address members' concerns.

The initiative on reviewing planning parameters of the sites in KTD

- 6. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> conveyed Democratic Party's support for the proposal. Referring to the policy initiative promulgated by the Chief Executive in the 2013 Policy Address of reviewing the planning parameters of the sites in KTD to explore the possibility of increasing office and housing supply as set out in paragraph 8 of EC(2013-14)5, she enquired about the timeframe of the review and expressed concern that it might cause delay in the development in KTD given that the various projects in KTD were interlinked with one another. <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> expressed support for the proposal and shared Ms LAU's concern about the timeframe for completing the review, in particular he was concerned if sufficient time would be allowed for undertaking the necessary civil engineering works arising from the results of the review.
- 7. Director of Civil Engineering and Development (D of CED) responded that the formulation of the Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan had undergone extensive public engagement before approval in 2007. implementation of projects in KTD was planned for delivery in three phases, viz. Phase 1 in 2013, Phase 2 in 2016 and Phase 3 in 2021. Major projects that were completed in 2013 included the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal (KTCT) and the public rental housing at the former north apron area. D of CED pointed out that the current review of the planning parameters in KTD (the Review) was to explore the feasibility of increasing development intensity of selected sites in KTD for meeting the growing office and housing needs. Review would examine technically if the planned associated infrastructures, such as traffic, utilities, sewerage system and air ventilation requirements could support the increase in development intensity. Under the Review, the original planning and urban design concept generally supported by the community and manifested in the Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan would be adhered to as far as possible. Apart from the two sold sites at the north apron area in KTD (with lease conditions on "Hong Kong property for Hong Kong people"), the Administration had already completed a preliminary review on the planning parameters of the adjacent three sites and was undergoing the required statutory procedures of the Town Planning Board for minor The Review on the planning parameters and the assessment of the supporting infrastructure was planned to complete by mid-2014. monitor the implementation of various projects and ensure their timely delivery. D of CED added that the Review would also examine the need and time required for undertaking additional, if any, associated civil engineering works should the development intensity of sites in KTD be increased. event, the Review would not comprise the land supply in KTD in the coming five years.

<u>Implementation of projects under KTD</u>

- 8. Pointing out that the project estimates for many Government projects had exceeded their original estimates by 30%-50% in recent years, Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan expressed concern that the Review might delay completion of projects in KTD and increase the project costs. He sought information on the Administration's measures to ensure stringent control on the project costs.
- 9. On the increase in project costs in recent years, <u>D of CED</u> said that this might be resulted from substantial increases in the tender price indexes (which could be mainly attributed to rising costs in labour wages and building materials) and the recently many major capital works projects under He stressed that the Administration had an established implementation. mechanism on cost control and would exercise vigilance in this respect. Should the Administration find that the estimated cost for a project was insufficient to cover the forecast expenditure after careful review, it would seek the approval of the Finance Committee (FC) for supplementary provision and would provide the detailed explanations in this regard. Deputy Secretary for Development (Works)2 added that the rise in project costs was a trend in the construction sector and not only pertaining to the infrastructure projects at He said that the Review was a technical study to explore the feasibility of increasing the development intensity of the sites in KTD. should not have substantial impact on the costs of projects under KTD.
- 10. Mr YIU Si-wing pointed out that the transport linkages for KTCT were insufficient and asked how the Administration would consider enhancing the facilities. Mr YIU also enquired about the progress of the "Kai Tak Fantasy" proposal which had incorporated a number of tourism projects and whether the work of the GE/GA and the CE in KTO would cover the proposal.
- 11. <u>D of CED</u> responded that there had been continuous improvement in the transportation arrangements for KTCT since its commissioning in early 2013 and now the provision was on the right track. For the short term, the Administration would continue to examine feasibility of enhancing the bus networks and providing 25 sets of pedestrian linkages to facilitate better connections between KTD and the surrounding areas. In the long run, the Administration proposed an additional elevated Environmentally Friendly Linkage System (EFLS) to serve the Central Business District in Kowloon East (KE). <u>Head (Kai Tak Office)</u>, <u>CEDD</u> (H(KTO)) supplemented that feedbacks from the community and stakeholders received during the on-going Stage 2 public consultation of EFLS supported the need for the Administration to enhance the connectivity of KE with its neighboring areas. The

Administration proposed to adopt an integrated multi-modal connectivity system for KE in the long run, which would comprise elevated EFLS, road-based transport and improved pedestrian corridors. The Administration proposed to conduct a detailed feasibility study of EFLS to also examine ways to enhance the accessibility and connectivity of KE before and after implementation of EFLS. <u>H(KTO)</u> also remarked that the Energizing Kowloon East (EKE) Office was responsible for undertaking the "Kai Tak Fantasy" proposal. An international design ideas competition would be launched shortly and the relevant planning would be worked out having regard to the results of the competition. <u>D of CED</u> added that the KTO would work closely with EKE Office in taking forward the proposal.

- 12. In view of the high construction cost of EFLS, <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> enquired whether KTO would review the feasibility of EFLS and consider alternatives to EFLS. In connection with this, <u>Mr YIU Si-wing</u> enquired whether the Administration would consider providing ferry service between KTCT and certain places in KE such as Lei Yue Mun, or trams to enhance the connectivity of KE. <u>The Chairman</u> also asked whether the Administration would make reference to experience of overseas cities to provide people movers to improve the accessibility of KTCT.
- <u>D of CED</u> remarked that the Stage 2 public consultation exercise of 13. The Administration was aware of public concern about EFLS was underway. the high cost of EFLS. Nevertheless, the benefits of EFLS included providing a good linkage system between KTD and its hinterland and creating synergy effect to the initiative of energizing KE. On other suggested modes of transport for KTD and KE, D of CED pointed out that the operation of trams required lots of ground space and would pose constrain to other road users in the built up areas of KE. While the relevant bureaux would review the suggestion of providing ferry service at KTCT as a tourism initiative, there were limitations in providing ferry service as a means of public transport for the cruise terminal. As regards provision of people movers at KTCT, D of CED remarked that the Administration had reviewed feasibility of the suggestion and concluded that it had the drawback of limited capacity as compared to EFLS.
- 14. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> referred to paragraph 5 of Enclosure 6 to EC(2013-14)5 and enquired about the progress of measures to alleviate the odour at the Kai Tak Approach Channel (KTAC) and Kwun Tong Typhoon Shelter.
- 15. <u>D of CED</u> responded that the Administration had worked out three solutions to tackle the odour issue. Firstly, polluted flow under various sewerage works projects in the hinterland of KTD would be intercepted and

directed to sewage treatment plants. Secondly, the Administration had made reference to the successful experience of bioremediation treatment of the Shing Mun River and injected chemicals into KTAC for stabilizing the pollutants. Good improvement to the odour problem was observed in the implementation of the two solutions. The Administration would further review the costs and benefits of the proposed opening at the ex-runway to enhance water circulation as the third solution for treating the odour problem.

- 16. Pointing out that it was among the important functions of the GE/GA and the CE in KTO to provide directorate steer in engaging the public and stakeholders in taking forward KTD, <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> opined that the Administration should assure members that the directorate officers would participate in all important public engagement activities including relevant meetings of the District Councils (DCs).
- 17. <u>D of CED</u> responded that relevant directorate officers would take part in the public engagement activities of KTD. For instance, designated directorate officers would attend meetings of the relevant DCs on a regular basis. He himself had also paid visits to DCs regularly to hear public views including the Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong DCs.

Implementation of the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai BCP project

- 18. Noting that the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai BCP project involved the reprovisioning of an existing village within the Frontier Closed Area, Ms Emily LAU enquired about the arrangements for and the number of affected villagers. Ms LAU also referred to paragraph 18 of EC(2013-14)5 and enquired about the progress of liaison with groups of villagers affected by the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai BCP project.
- 19. <u>D of CED</u> advised that the Administration had already sought funding from FC for the reprovisioning of Chuk Yuen Village and construction of houses in the new village was near completion and relocation of the affected villagers was taking place in phases.
- 20. In response to Ms Emily LAU's enquiry about resettlement arrangements for other villagers affected by the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai BCP project apart from those in the Chuk Yuen Village, <u>D of CED</u> remarked that besides Chuk Yuen Village, a number of villagers were affected by the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai BCP project and the Administration had been maintaining liaison with them to provide the necessary assistance.
- 21. <u>Deputy Head of Civil Engineering Office (Project and Environmental Management)</u>, CEDD (DH of CEO) supplemented that the

number of affected units under the categories of "structures on private building land", "licensed structures" and "squatter huts" were 30, 35 and 110 and the corresponding number of affected persons were 114, 148 and 321 respectively. The relevant relocation and clearance work were underway, and the Administration would provide compensation and allowance as appropriate to the affected households in accordance with the existing policy on compensation and rehousing arrangement for land resumption and clearance. It was noted that a small number of affected households were unsatisfied with the amount of allowance offered and the Administration would continue to liaise with them. DH of CEO remarked that there had been no force eviction of the affected villagers so far.

22. The item was voted on. <u>Members</u> agreed that the Subcommittee should recommend the item to FC for approval.

EC(2013-14)6

Proposed creation of two supernumerary posts of one Administrative Officer Staff Grade B (D3) and one Senior Principal Executive Officer (D2) in the Event Coordination Team of Financial Services Branch of the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau up to 30 September 2014 to oversee all relevant planning and implementation work in respect of the organization of the Finance Ministers' Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in Hong Kong in September 2014

- The Chairman said that the Administration's proposal was to create two supernumerary posts of one Administrative Officer Staff Grade B (D3) and one Senior Principal Executive Officer (D2) in the Event Coordination Team (ECT) of Financial Services Branch of the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (FSTB) up to 30 September 2014 to oversee all relevant planning and implementation work in respect of the organization of the Finance Ministers' Meeting (FMM) of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in Hong Kong in September 2014.
- The Chairman advised that the Panel on Financial Affairs had been consulted on the proposal at its meeting on 4 November 2013. Panel members generally indicated support for the Government to organize the 2014 FMM in Hong Kong and the related staffing proposal. Panel members discussed a number of issues relating to the preparatory work, including the expenditure, the responsible organizing parties, security arrangement, and provision of accommodation and transport facilities for the participating finance ministers and senior officials. Some Panel members expressed

concern about the security arrangement during FMM and called on the Administration to conduct proper risk assessments to ensure smooth organization of the event. The Administration was urged to ride on the opportunity to showcase Hong Kong's strength as an international financial centre, an offshore Renminbi centre and a tourism centre, and to promote relevant products and services in order to open more development opportunities for Hong Kong. Some Panel members suggested that the Administration should strengthen the publicity on FMM through various channels to enhance awareness of the public and students on the work of FMM

Hosting of the 2014 FMM

- 25. Pointing out that Hong Kong was an independent member of APEC but it was the Central People's Government (CPG)'s decision to hold the 2014 FMM in Hong Kong, <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> questioned whether the Mainland or Hong Kong was the actual host of the event. <u>Dr KOWK</u> also enquired about the theme(s) of the 2014 FMM and whether such theme(s) would manifest the strengths of Hong Kong, for example, Hong Kong's unique role in economic development of the Mainland.
- 26. Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services) (PS(FS)) responded that APEC had 21 member economies which would take up the chairmanship (APEC Chair) each year in The member economy assuming the chairmanship in a specific year would be responsible for organizing a series of meetings of APEC in that year, including the Economic Leaders' Meeting and FMM. China would assume the chairmanship of APEC in 2014, and CPG had decided to hold FMM in Hong Kong in September 2014. As regards the agenda of the 2014 FMM, PS(FS) advised that this would be formulated in due course through discussions amongst APEC member economies, APEC Secretariat and APEC With reference to previous FMMs and suggestions of APEC member economies, possible themes might include global and regional economic outlook, cooperation on infrastructure financing in the Asia-Pacific region, fiscal and taxation initiatives for economic restructuring, and development of financial services for supporting regional economy, etc.

Arrangements for the 2014 FMM

27. Mr SIN Chung-kai enquired whether the Mainland, being APEC Chair in 2014, would share with Hong Kong the cost for hosting FMM. PS(FS) said that, according to the usual practice of APEC, the organizing city for FMM would bear the relevant expenditure for the meetings, including costs for providing accommodation, arrangements on transportation and

security for the attending finance ministers and other high-level officials from observing international organizations and APEC Secretariat; costs for meeting venues and related facilities including a media centre; and costs for protocol and hospitality arrangements. The Administration would work out a detailed budget on the basis of these expenditure items.

- 28. On Ms Emily LAU's enquiry about details of the non-current expenditure for organizing the 2014 FMM, <u>PS(FS)</u> remarked that the total expenditure was about \$84 million, including staff cost of ECT and the Police Planning Team (PPT). While part of the expenditure would be met by existing resources in the 2013-14 approved estimates, the Administration planned to seek FC's funding approval for a new commitment of some \$63 million in early December 2013 for meeting the financial requirement in 2014-15. As regards the enquiry about the venues for meetings of the 2014 FMM, <u>PS(FS)</u> said that the Administration was exploring suitable venues and would liaise with APEC Secretariat and APEC Chair on the matter. A possible choice would be the conference facilities in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.
- 29. Pointing out that the Indonesian government had exercised relatively stringent control on the media during the FMM held in Bali in October 2013, <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> was concerned whether Hong Kong could determine and implement the media arrangement for and ensure unobstructed dissemination of information for the 2014 FMM without interference from the Mainland.
- 30. Mr SIN Chung-kai asked whether Hong Kong would be in-charge of the security arrangement for the 2014 FMM without involvement of the Mainland. Ms Emily LAU was concerned that the Mainland might interfere with the security arrangement of FMM, given that ensuring social security and stability was the prime concern of the Mainland. Ms Emily LAU and Dr KWOK Ka-ki considered that the Administration should assure members that Hong Kong would have autonomy in planning, deciding and implementing various arrangements for the 2014 FMM, including security, media and publicity arrangements, as well as arrangement for possible protestors to stage demonstrations during the FMM.
- 31. <u>PS(FS)</u> responded that FMMs had been held for a number of years. In organizing the 2014 FMM in Hong Kong, including the formulation of the security and media arrangements, the Administration would make reference to the practices of past FMMs as well as Hong Kong's experiences in organizing large-scale international meetings such as the World Bank/International Monetary Fund Annual Meeting in 1997, the sixth ministerial conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 2005 and ITU Telecom World 2006.

It would also seek the views of the APEC Secretariat and APEC Chair, and liaise with the relevant stakeholders including other APEC member economies on the matters. <u>PS(FS)</u> added that the Hong Kong Police Force (the Police) would establish a PPT to assist ECT in the planning and implementation of the security arrangement for the 2014 FMM. PPT would make reference to its own experience and the practices of APEC Secretariat, and would liaise with relevant stakeholders in working out and implementing the security arrangement for the 2014 FMM. As regards the media arrangement for the 2014 FMM, PS(FS) stressed that the Information Services Department had rich experiences in formulating the media arrangements for large-scale international events and maintaining a close partnership with the media. assured members that in formulating and implementing the arrangements for FMM, the Administration would strike a proper balance among the objectives of ensuring security and public safety for FMM events, upholding press freedom and the right of the media in covering the events, respecting public rights in free speech, association and demonstration. To this end, the Administration would strengthen publicity on FMM events in order to apprise the public of any special security and transportation arrangements during the period.

- 32. Stressing the importance for the Administration to ensure appropriate security for the 2014 FMM, Mr WONG Ting-kwong expressed concern about insufficient staffing of PPT, which only consisted of eight disciplined staff. Mr WONG asked whether the Administration had collected intelligence on potential protestors coming to Hong Kong during the FMM period, and suggested that the Administration should make reference to the handling of the demonstration of Korean farmers during the sixth ministerial conference of WTO in 2005 in planning the security arrangement for FMM.
- 33. <u>PS(FS)</u> responded that the proposed staffing for PPT was based on Hong Kong's past experience in organizing international meetings like the sixth ministerial conference of WTO in 2005 and ITU Telecom World 2006. She added that PPT would plan and coordinate the security arrangement for the 2014 FMM including conducting risk assessments and making contingency plans. The Police would deploy sufficient police officers and other necessary manpower to cover various events of the FMM.
- Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan remarked that as compared with WTO, APEC had fewer members and its meetings involved less controversial issues. However, he expressed concern about the impacts of the "Occupy Central with Love and Peace" movement which might stage activities during the FMM period. He enquired whether the Administration had conducted assessment in this area.

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- 35. PS(FS) responded that, as compared with the sixth ministerial conference of WTO in 2005, the FMM would be on a smaller scale and involve fewer non-governmental organizations. Apart from the delegations of APEC member economies, other participants of the FMM would include a number of observing international organizations such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the Asian Development Bank. that the Administration would exercise due care in formulating and implementing the necessary security and transportation arrangements, and would inform the public of the arrangements through various channels in order to ensure smooth conduct of the FMM activities and avoid causing undue inconvenience to the public. The Chairman referred to the recent explosion incident at Tiananmen Square in Beijing and remarked that the Administration should be cautious in conducting security assessments given that Hong Kong was part of the Mainland.
- 36. In view of international concern about risk of network hacking arising from recent reports on the United States' large-scale worldwide surveillance activities, <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> enquired how the Administration would ensure security of the information and telecommunication systems and facilities for meetings of FMM. <u>PS(FS)</u> responded that the Administration would act in accordance with the relevant laws to protect privacy and safeguard the security of the information and telecommunication systems.
- 37. The Chairman pointed out that there had been occasions in past press briefings organized for international events, APEC or FMM meetings where senior officials of some attending delegations only responded to questions from journalists of their own countries and ignored questions from other reporters. The Chairman opined that the Administration should facilitate the work of Hong Kong journalists in covering news on the FMM and ensure the same and fair treatment for representatives from all media organizations attending the press briefings.
- 38. <u>PS(FS)</u> responded that the Administration would make reference to APEC's practices in formulating the media arrangement for the 2014 FMM. Apart from establishing a media centre to coordinate the release of information relating to FMM, designated areas would be earmarked within the event venues for holding press briefings/conferences by the FMM organizing committee and individual delegations of APEC member economies. While individual delegations of APEC member economies could decide on the arrangements for their own press briefings, the Administration would ensure equitable access for the media to cover relevant events during the FMM.
- 39. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> said that while she did not oppose the proposal, she considered that the Administration should provide details on the various

arrangements for the 2014 FMM to address members' concerns raised at the meeting, and to facilitate FC's consideration on the funding proposal for organizing the event. At members' request, the Administration was required to provide information on the following issues concerning the organization of FMM in the paper to be submitted to FC for seeking the funding approval:

- (a) details of the non-recurrent costs for organizing FMM, including major items on venue and facilities, security arrangements, hotel accommodation etc., and their breakdowns;
- (b) details of arrangements on security, media, transportation, publicity and demonstration during FMM, including the plans for working out these arrangements and the Administration's role in deciding such arrangements vis-à-vis that of the relevant authorities of CPG; and
- (c) measures to ensure security of the information and telecommunication systems and facilities for meetings of FMM.

<u>The Chairman</u> further suggested that the Administration should make arrangement for representatives from the relevant bureaux/departments (including those responsible for security arrangements) to attend the relevant FC meeting when the funding proposal was considered.

Filling of the two supernumerary posts

- 40. Mr YIU Si-wing indicated support for the proposal as hosting the 2014 FMM would help enhance Hong Kong's international image. Given that holders of the two supernumerary posts should possess relevant experience and right calibre including good organizational skills, Mr YIU was concerned how the Administration could identify suitable candidates for the posts. PS(FS) concurred that organizing the 2014 FMM could strengthen Hong Kong's role as an international financial and tourism centre. She said that the Administration had identified candidates for the two posts, and would deploy staff with relevant experience and suitable calibre for filling various posts in ECT.
- 41. The item was voted on. <u>Members</u> agreed that the Subcommittee should recommend the item to FC for approval.
- 42. <u>The Chairman</u> asked members whether they considered necessary for the two proposals discussed at the meeting to be voted on separately at the

FC meeting to be held on 6 December 2013. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> requested for separate voting for the second item (i.e. EC(2013-14)6).

43. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:40 am.

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