

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 21 October 2013)

Proposed timing
for discussion

1. Treatment of parody under the copyright regime

The Panel will meet with deputations and receive views from stakeholders and the public on the treatment of parody under the copyright regime.

4 November 2013
(Special meeting)

2. Extension of the operation of Research and Development (R&D) Centres

The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposal to extend the operation of two R&D Centres (the Hong Kong Research Institute of Textiles and Apparel and the Hong Kong R&D Centre for Logistics and Supply Chain Management Enabling Technologies).

November 2013

3. Progress report of the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification

The Administration will update the Panel on the work progress of the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification; and to propose converting the existing supernumerary AOSG"C" post of Secretary-General (Testing and Certification) in the Innovation and Technology Commission to a permanent post with effect from 1 April 2014.

November 2013

4. Establishment of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan

The Administration will brief the Panel on the arrangements to establish the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan (WHETO) and consult the Panel on the proposal to create a directorate post to head the WHETO.

November 2013

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

5. Proposed creation of one supernumerary post at Assistant Director of Intellectual Property (DL2) rank for three years in the Intellectual Property Department (IPD)

The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed creation of one supernumerary post at Assistant Director of Intellectual Property (DL2) rank in IPD for three years to cope with the work arising from implementing the Original Grant Patent system and promoting intellectual property trading.

December 2013

6. Improvements to the Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF) to facilitate commercialization of R&D results and technology transfer to the industry

The Administration will brief the Panel on proposals to improve the funding scope and mechanism of the ITF to better support commercialization of R&D results and technology transfer to the industry.

December 2013/
January 2014

7. Promotion of inward investment

The Administration will update the Panel on the work of Invest Hong Kong in 2013 and outline the way forward for 2014.

Fourth quarter of
2013/first quarter of
2014

8. Briefing on relevant policy initiatives featuring in the Chief Executive's 2014 Policy Address

The Administration will brief the Panel on relevant policy initiatives featuring in the Chief Executive's 2014 Policy Address.

January 2014

9. New initiatives on promotion of innovation and technology

The Administration will brief the Panel on the new measures on further promoting innovation and technology in Hong Kong.

First quarter of
2014

10. Promotion of intellectual property trading in Hong Kong

The Administration will report to the Panel the work progress of the Working Group on Intellectual Property Trading.

First half of 2014

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for discussion**

11. Progress report on Research and Development Centres 2013-2014

The Administration will report to the Panel on Research and Development Centres' operation for 2013-2014.

June 2014

12. Research and development of Chinese medicines

The Administration will update the Panel on the progress of efforts in promoting research and development of Chinese medicines.

Second quarter of 2014

13. Trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest developments of the trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong, including the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, assisting Hong Kong enterprises in upgrading and exploring domestic sales in the Mainland, investment promotion, customs clearance of goods, intellectual property rights, tourism, innovation and technology, creative industries, etc.

Second/third quarter of 2014

14. Progress report on the implementation of the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest implementation progress of the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales.

Second/third quarter of 2014

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

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest development of the economic and trade co-operation and exchanges between the HKSAR Government and the Central People's Government under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, as and when there are significant developments.

To be confirmed

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16. 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

17. 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.

18. 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.

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