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Panel on Environmental Affairs

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 15 October 2015, at 2:30 pm
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

- Members present** : Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP (Chairman)
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, JP
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP
Hon KWOK Wai-keung
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS
- Member attending** : Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP

Members absent : Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon Dennis KWOK
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Clerk in attendance : Ms Angel SHEK
Chief Council Secretary (1)1

Staff in attendance : Ms Anita SIT
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Doris LO
Senior Council Secretary (1)1

Ms Mandy LI
Council Secretary (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

1. Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Chairman of the Panel of Environmental Affairs ("the Panel") in office, invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session.
2. Mr CHAN Hak-kan was nominated by Mr CHAN Han-pan and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Ting-kwong. Mr CHAN Hak-kan accepted the nomination.
3. Ms Cyd HO was nominated by Mr WU Chi-wai and the nomination was seconded by Mr Charles Peter MOK. Ms Cyd HO did not accept the nomination.

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4. Dr Kenneth CHAN, Deputy Chairman of the Panel in office, was nominated by Mr WU Chi-wai and the nomination was seconded by Mr Charles Peter MOK. Dr Kenneth CHAN accepted the nomination.

5. As both the Chairman and Deputy Chairman in office were nominated for the chairmanship, Mr TAM Yiu-chung, the member present who had the highest precedence among the members not nominated for the office, took over from Mr CHAN Hak-kan to preside over the election of the Chairman. As there were no other nominations, Mr TAM announced a vote by secret ballot. After all members present had cast their votes, Mr TAM invited Mr CHAN Han-pan and Mr WU Chi-wai, who had nominated the two candidates respectively, to monitor the counting of votes.

6. Of the members present for voting, 12 members voted for Mr CHAN Hak-kan and five members voted for Dr Kenneth CHAN. Mr TAM Yiu-chung declared that Mr CHAN Hak-kan was elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session. Mr CHAN Hak-kan then took over the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

7. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session.

8. Dr Kenneth CHAN was nominated by Ms Cyd HO and the nomination was seconded by Mr WU Chi-wai. Dr Kenneth CHAN accepted the nomination.

9. There being no other nominations, Dr Kenneth CHAN was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2015-2016 session

10. The Chairman referred members to the proposed schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session tabled at the meeting. Members agreed that all regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 2:30 pm, except for the following –

- (a) the meeting in December 2015 would be held on Monday, 21 December 2015, at 8:30 am; and

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- (b) the meeting in March 2016 would be held on Wednesday, 30 March 2016, at 2:30 pm.

(*Post-meeting note:* The schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)23/15-16 on 15 October 2015.)

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No. — List of follow-up actions
CB(1)4/15-16

LC Paper No. CB(1)16/15-16(01) — List of outstanding items for
discussion)

Items for discussion at the regular meeting on 26 October 2015

11. Members agreed that the following items proposed by the Administration be discussed at the next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, 26 October 2015, at 2:30 pm –

- (a) Progress report on mandatory retirement of pre-Euro IV diesel commercial vehicles; and
- (b) Progress on the Community Green Stations.

Items for discussion by the Panel at future regular meetings

12. Members gave the following suggestions with regard to the existing items on the Panel's list of outstanding items ("the List") –

- (a) *Review on the Air Quality Objectives ("AQOs")* – Ms Cyd HO requested the Administration to give details on the schedule, preparation work, approach and methodology for the next review on AQOs;
- (b) *Nature conservation policy*
 - (i) the Deputy Chairman requested that the captioned item, which covered a number of major issues of concerns but had remained outstanding for a long time, be discussed as

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early as possible. In particular, Mr Steven HO would like to be briefed on how the authorities would combat the problem of illegal felling of incense trees. The Chairman relayed that further to members' request made at the last meeting on 21 July 2015 for discussing this item as early as possible in the 2015-2016 session, the Administration had advised that the timing for discussion was yet to be confirmed as the relevant papers were still under preparation; and

- (ii) given the broad scope of the item and the envisaged limited time for discussion on individual issues, Dr Elizabeth QUAT and the Deputy Chairman proposed taking out the issue on illegal ivory trade for a separate discussion to facilitate more focused and thorough consideration of the relevant problems.
- (c) *Reduction of construction waste* – Mr CHAN Han-pan would like to be briefed on the Administration's measures to combat fly-tipping of construction waste; and
- (d) *Impacts of various marine works projects in the western waters of Hong Kong on marine ecology* – referring to media reports that a contractor of the construction works of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge ("HKZMB") project had illegally discharged polluting effluent directly into the sea, causing adverse impacts on the habitat of Chinese white dolphins, Mr Albert CHAN requested the Administration to, as soon as possible, give a full account of the incident and update Panel members on the impacts of the marine works projects, including the HKZMB project and the Three-Runway System project at the Hong Kong International Airport, on marine ecology.

13. Members also proposed that the following additional items be included on the List –

- (a) *Application of the "Pollutants in the Atmosphere and their Transport over Hong Kong" ("PATH") modelling system* – the Deputy Chairman requested the Administration to brief Panel members on the progress of launching the new PATH modelling system for air quality assessments under the environmental impact assessment mechanism; and

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- (b) *Regulation of roadside cargo compartments (commonly known as "skips")* – Dr Elizabeth QUAT and Mr CHAN Han-pan expressed concerns about indiscriminate placement of skips on roadsides that had caused obstruction to traffic and posed hazards to road safety. The Chairman said that since the subject involved various policy bureaux/departments and straddled the policy areas of various Legislative Council Panels, he suggested discussing with the Administration whether a joint meeting with relevant Panels should be arranged to follow up on the issues.

14. The Chairman said that in line with past practice, he and the Deputy Chairman would meet with the Secretary for the Environment to discuss the work plan of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session. He would convey members' suggestions to the Administration during the work plan meeting.

IV. Any other business

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:50 pm.

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