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Panel on Commerce and Industry

Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 18 October 2016, at 5:30 pm
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon WU Chi-wai, MH (Chairman)
Hon SHIU Ka-fai (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Hon KWOK Wai-keung
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

Hon IP Kin-yuen
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
Hon Alvin YEUNG
Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, JP
Hon LAM Cheuk-ting
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan
Hon CHAN Chun-ying
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP
Hon HUI Chi-fung
Hon LUK Chung-hung
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Hon KWONG Chun-yu
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho

Members absent : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP
Hon Claudia MO
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
Hon Eddie CHU Hoi-dick
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP
Hon HO Kai-ming
Hon SHIU Ka-chun
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, MH, JP
Hon Nathan LAW Kwun-chung
Dr Hon YIU Chung-yim
Dr Hon LAU Siu-lai
Hon YAU Wai-ching

Clerk in attendance : Mr Desmond LAM
Chief Council Secretary (1)3

Staff in attendance : Ms Anita SIT
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Connie HO
Senior Council Secretary (1)3

Mr Joey LO
Senior Council Secretary (1)8

Miss Judy YEE
Council Secretary (1)3

Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms May LEUNG
Legislative Assistant (1)3

Ms Christy YAU
Legislative Assistant (1)7

Ms Haley CHEUNG
Legislative Assistant (1)9

Miss Joey LAW
Clerical Assistant (1)2

Miss Zoe YIP
Clerical Assistant (1)3

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

(Appendix II to LC Paper No. -- Terms of Reference of the Panel
CB(1)4/16-17

Appendix III to LC Paper No. -- List of Government advisory
CB(1)4/16-17 bodies relevant to the Panel)

Election of Chairman

Mr James TO, the member who had the highest precedence among those who joined the Panel, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel for the 2016-2017 session.

2. Mr James TO invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr WU Chi-wai was nominated by Mr Alvin YEUNG and the nomination was seconded by Mr Andrew WAN. Mr WU Chi-wai accepted the nomination.

3. There being no other nominations, Mr WU Chi-wai was declared Chairman of the Panel for the 2016-2017 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. Mr WU Chi-wai took the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship for the 2016-2017 session. Mr SHIU Ka-fai was nominated by Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok and the nomination was seconded by Mr Steven HO. Mr SHIU Ka-fai accepted the nomination and declared that he was a member of the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee, a Government advisory committee relevant to the Panel. There being no other nominations, Mr SHIU Ka-fai was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2016-2017 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2016-2017 session

5. Members noted the proposed schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for the 2016-2017 session, which was tabled at the meeting.

6. Members agreed that future regular meetings of the Panel for the 2016-2017 session would be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm, except for the meeting in January 2017. As the Chief Executive would deliver his Policy Address on 18 January 2017, members agreed that the regular Panel meeting cum Policy briefing in January 2017 would be rescheduled from 17 January 2017 to Wednesday, 25 January 2017, at 2:30 pm.

(Post-meeting note: The schedule of Panel meetings for the 2016-2017 session was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)22/16-17 on 19 October 2016.)

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(LC Paper No. CB(1)21/16-17(01) -- List of issues suggested to be considered

LC Paper No. CB(1)21/16-17(02) -- List of follow-up actions)

(Post-meeting note: The above lists tabled at the meeting were issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)21/16-17 on 19 October 2016.)

Regular Panel meeting on 15 November 2016

7. Members agreed that the Panel would discuss the following items proposed by the Administration at the regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, 15 November 2016, at 2:30 pm –

- (a) Legislative proposal to expand the scope of tax deduction for capital expenditure incurred for the purchase of intellectual property rights; and
- (b) Proposal for creating a permanent Assistant Director of Intellectual Property (Patents) (DL2) post to follow through patent reform in Hong Kong.

Items for discussion at future meetings

8. The Chairman referred to the list of issues suggested to be considered in the 2016-2017 session ("the List") tabled at the meeting, and invited members to note the List and propose other discussion items, if any.

Diversified development of industries

9. Dr Helena WONG requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the latest development of the Government's initiatives to promote the diversified development of industries in Hong Kong. It was also suggested that members of the Panel on Economic Development should be invited to attend the relevant meeting for discussion.

Latest development of the testing and certification industry

10. Dr Helena WONG referred to item no. 10 of the List and opined that the Administration should brief the Panel on the Government's policies in relation to the development of the testing and certification industry, one of the six industries which Hong Kong enjoyed clear advantages, and that the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification should be invited to attend the relevant meeting and brief members on its work.

Promoting the industrialization of the beauty industry in Hong Kong

11. Dr Helena WONG referred to item no. 14 of the List and opined that the Panel should continue to follow up issues relating to regulation and development of beauty services.

12. The Chairman advised that as the two items mentioned by Dr Helena WONG were already on the List, he would discuss with the Administration the proposed timing of discussion of the two items.

Progress on the updating of the copyright regime

13. Mr Charles MOK suggested and Dr Fernando CHEUNG opined that notwithstanding that the legislative exercise to amend the Copyright Ordinance (Cap. 528) ("CO") as introduced by the Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2014 ("the Bill") could not conclude in the legislative session of 2015-2016, the Administration should brief the Panel on the progress in respect of the updating of the copyright regime. Mr MOK and Dr CHEUNG considered that the Administration should continue to deal with issues raised by stakeholders of the industry and the community during the discussion of the Bill, such as the requests for providing copyright exceptions for digital books under CO or by ways of guidelines to address the specific needs of persons with disabilities and dyslexia.

Latest development of Hong Kong Science Park and industrial estates

14. In respect of the policy area of innovation and technology, Mr Charles MOK requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the latest development of Hong Kong Science Park and the relevant Government's policy initiatives, as well as the updated progress on the use of land in industrial estates ("IE") under the revised IE Policy, including the land use policy in relation to the development of data centres.

Progress on the establishment of the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund

15. Mr Charles MOK considered that the Administration should brief the Panel on the implementation details of the \$2 billion Innovation Technology Venture Fund.

Innovation and Technology Fund for Better Living

16. Mrs Regina IP suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the operation details of the \$500 million Innovation and Technology Fund for Better Living.

Support measures for small and medium enterprises

17. On support measures for small and medium enterprises, Mr CHAN Chun-ying suggested that the subject of enhancing the Small and Medium Enterprises Financing Guarantee Scheme operated by the Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation be discussed by the Panel.

18. The Chairman noted members' suggestions and advised that he and Deputy Chairman would meet with the Administration to discuss the work plan of the Panel for the 2016-2017 session. He invited members to notify the Secretariat in writing by Wednesday, 26 October 2016 if they wished to raise other proposed discussion items for the Panel meetings to be held from December 2016 to July 2017.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat received a letter dated 28 October 2016 from Mr Charles Peter MOK suggesting a number of items for discussion by the Panel. The letter was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)59/16-17(01) (Chinese version only) on 2 November 2016.)

IV. Any other business

19. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:45 pm.