

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 14 November 2016)

Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration

1. Plurilateral initiatives for promoting trade

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest development of plurilateral initiatives for promoting trade.

20 December
2016

2. Continuing the Technology Start-up Support Scheme for Universities after 2016-2017

The Administration will brief the Panel on the implementation progress of the Technology Start-up Support Scheme for Universities since 2014-2015, and seek the Panel's support for continuing the Scheme from 2017-2018 onwards.

20 December
2016

3. Briefings by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs and the Secretary for Innovation and Technology on the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address

The Administration will brief the Panel on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address.

January 2017

4. Technology Voucher Programme and Government procurement policy

The Administration will brief the Panel on the implementation progress of the Technology Voucher Programme and the Government procurement policy in relation to information and communications technology products.

February 2017

It was suggested at the work-plan meeting between the Panel Chairman and Deputy Chairman and the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development ("SCED") and the Secretary for Innovation and Technology ("S for IT") on 31 October 2016 that members of the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting ("ITB Panel") be invited to join the discussion of the above item at the relevant meeting.

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5. Promotion of inward investment

The Administration will update the Panel on the work of Invest Hong Kong in 2016 and outline the way forward for 2017. February 2017

6. Latest development of Hong Kong Science Park

The Administration will brief the Panel on the implementation progress of Stage 1 of the Science Park Expansion Programme and other latest developments. March 2017

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Charles Peter MOK suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the latest development of the Hong Kong Science Park and the relevant Government's policy initiatives.

7. Latest development of industrial estates and other measures to support re-industrialization

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest development of the industrial estates and other measures to support re-industrialization. March 2017

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Charles Peter MOK suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the updated progress on the use of land in IE under the revised IE policy, including the land use policy in relation to the development of data centres. At the work-plan meeting between the Panel Chairman and Deputy Chairman and SCED and S for IT on 31 October 2016, the Panel Chairman requested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the Government's re-industrialization policy.

8. Progress report on the implementation of the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales and other support measures for small and medium enterprises

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest implementation progress of the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales, as well as other support measures for small and medium enterprises ("SMEs"), including the initiatives on assisting SMEs in tiding over their liquidity problems. April 2017

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At the Panel meeting on 19 April 2016, members requested that the Administration should update the Panel on the support measures for SMEs. Members also requested that representatives of both the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau be invited to attend the relevant meeting. At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon 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.

9. Progress on the recent implementation of various new schemes under the Innovation and Technology Fund

The Administration will brief the Panel on the implementation progress of various schemes under the Innovation and Technology Fund, such as the Enterprise Support Scheme, the Midstream Research Programme for Universities, as well as the expanded Public Sector Trial Scheme and Internship Programme.

May 2017

10. Latest position of the testing and certification industry in Hong Kong

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest position of Hong Kong's testing and certification industry.

May/June 2017

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification should be invited to attend the relevant meeting and brief members on its work.

11. Progress report on Research and Development Centres for 2016-2017

The Administration will brief the Panel on the operation of the Research and Development Centres in 2016-2017.

June 2017

12. Way forward for the Trade Single Window project

The Administration will brief the Panel on the way forward for the proposal to develop a single information and technology platform for the one-stop lodging of all Business-to-Government documents for importing and exporting goods, following a public consultation

First or second quarter of 2017

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exercise concluded in July 2016.

13. Trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest development 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 and investment promotion, etc.

Second quarter of
2017

14. Progress on the establishment of the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress on the establishment of the \$2 billion Innovation and Technology Venture Fund ("ITVF").

July 2017

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Charles Peter MOK suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the progress on the establishment of the \$2 billion ITVF.

It was suggested at the work-plan meeting between Panel Chairman and Deputy Chairman and SCED and S for IT on 31 October 2016 that members of ITB Panel be invited to join the discussion of the above item at the relevant meeting.

15. The Belt and Road Initiatives

At the Panel meeting on 17 November 2015, members requested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the Belt and Road Initiatives and the business opportunities for Hong Kong.

To be confirmed

16. Promoting the industrialization of the beauty industry in Hong Kong

At the Panel meeting on 21 January 2014, the Panel passed a motion moved by Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan on "Promoting the industrialization of the beauty industry in Hong Kong". The Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the relevant initiatives.

To be confirmed

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A joint meeting of the Panel on Health Services ("HS Panel") and the Panel on Commerce and Industry ("CI Panel") was held on 23 June 2015 to discuss and receive views from deputations on the item "Regulation and development of beauty services". At the Panel meeting on 21 April 2015, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan requested that this item be retained in the "List of outstanding items for discussion" of the Panel. At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should continue to follow up issues relating to regulation and development of beauty services.

[Remarks: The Administration has suggested that the above item be discussed at the HS Panel. The reason is that the subject was already discussed at the joint meeting of the HS Panel and the CI Panel on 23 June 2015 and views from deputations were received on the item "Regulation and development of beauty services" at the meeting. Moreover, it is the Administration's plan for issues related to the use of medical devices commonly used in beauty procedures be discussed at the HS Panel in December 2016. According to the Administration, the beauty trade considers the regulatory framework of medical devices commonly used in beauty procedures an important issue in the trade's development.]

17. Diversified development of industries in Hong Kong

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Administration should brief members on the latest development of the Government's initiatives to promote the diversified development of industries in Hong Kong. Members of the Panel on Economic Development should be invited to attend the relevant meeting for discussion.

To be confirmed

18. Progress on the updating of the copyright regime

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Charles Peter MOK and Dr Hon 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

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and the community during the discussion of the Bill, such as the requests for providing copyright exceptions for digital books under CO or by way of guidelines to address the specific needs of persons with disabilities and dyslexia.

19. Innovation and Technology Fund for Better Living

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon 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 ("ITFBL").

[Remarks: According to the Administration, the above item was discussed at the ITB Panel on 13 June 2016. The relevant funding proposal was approved by the Finance Committee on 28 June 2016. ITFBL is expected to be launched in the second quarter of 2017 and the Administration shall report to the ITB Panel on the operations of the fund in July 2017. The Administration has therefore proposed removing the above item from the list. It was suggested at the work-plan meeting between Panel Chairman and Deputy Chairman and SCED and S for IT on 31 October 2016 that members of the Panel be invited to join the discussion of the above item at the meeting of ITB Panel to be held in July 2017.]

20. Operation of the Innovation and Technology Fund

In his letter to the Panel Chairman dated 28 October 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)59/16-17(01)), Hon Charles Peter MOK requested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the latest operation of ITF.

[Remarks: The Administration has suggested removing the above item as the operation of ITF will be discussed under item 9 "Progress on the recent implementation of various new schemes under the Innovation and Technology Fund"]