

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 11 April 2017)

Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration

1. 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 new schemes under the Innovation and Technology Fund, such as the Enterprise Support Scheme, the Midstream Research Programme for Universities, and the expanded Public Sector Trial Scheme and Internship Programme.

16 May 2017

2. Progress on the updating of the copyright regime : Copyright exceptions for people with a print disability under the "Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled"

16 May 2017

The Administration will brief the Panel on the Government's plan to review copyright exceptions currently provided for people with a print disability. Reference will be made to the "Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled".

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 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.

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3. 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

4. Promotion of inward investment

The Administration will update the Panel on the work of Invest Hong Kong in 2016 and outline the work for 2017-2018.

June 2017

5. 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

6. 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.

July 2017

The subject was raised by Hon Charles Peter MOK at the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016. It was further suggested at the work-plan meeting between Panel Chairman and Deputy Chairman and Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development and Secretary for Innovation and Technology on 31 October 2016 that members of the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting be invited to join the discussion of the above item at the relevant meeting.

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7. 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.

Fourth quarter of
2017
(2017-2018
legislative session)

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.

8. 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

9. 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

A joint meeting of the Panel on Health Services ("HS Panel") and the 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 ("the List") 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.

At the Panel meeting on 15 November 2016, members noted the Administration's plan for issues related to the use of medical devices commonly used in beauty procedures be discussed at HS Panel, and maintained the view that this item be retained in the List. The subject of "Proposed regulatory framework for medical

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devices" was discussed at HS Panel on 16 January 2017.

At the Panel meeting on 21 February 2017, members agreed to Hon SHIU Ka-fai's proposal to set up a joint subcommittee under the Panel and HS Panel on issues relating to the regulation of devices and development of the beauty industry. HS Panel also agreed to the above proposal at its meeting held on 28 February 2017.

10. 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.

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