

**Panel on Commerce and Industry**

**List of outstanding items for discussion  
(position as at 14 December 2017)**

**Timing  
for discussion  
proposed by the  
Administration**

**1. Proposal for an Enhanced Tax Deduction for Research and Development Expenses**

The Administration will seek the Panel's support for amending relevant sections of Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) so as to provide companies with enhanced tax deduction for their spending on "qualified R&D activities".

16 January 2018

**2. Progress of the Establishment of the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund**

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

16 January 2018

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 ("SCED") and Secretary for Innovation and Technology ("S for IT") 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.

**3. Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop – advance works and main works package 1**

The Administration will seek the Panel's support for the funding proposal for construction of the advance works and detailed design of main works package 1 for the development of Lok Ma Chau Loop.

16 January 2018

**Timing  
for discussion  
proposed by the  
Administration**

**4. 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.

February 2018

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.

It was suggested at the work-plan meeting between Panel Chairman, Deputy Chairman, SCED and S for IT on 6 November 2017 that deputations including representatives of relevant industries and the academia be invited to attend the meeting and give views on the development of Hong Kong's testing and certification industry. Members noted the above proposed meeting arrangement at the Panel meeting on 21 November 2017.

**5. 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" – Proposed Way Forward**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the outcome of the consultation exercise and the proposed way forward.

February 2018

**6. Proposed creation of a directorate post for the new Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area Development Office**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposal to create a directorate post for the new Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area Development Office.

Early 2018

**Timing  
for discussion  
proposed by the  
Administration**

**7. Progress of the Innovation and Technology Fund**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of the Innovation and Technology Fund.

March 2018

**8. Progress of the implementation of the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales and enhancement of the various SME funding schemes**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest implementation progress of the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales and the proposal of enhancing the various SME funding schemes.

March 2018

It was suggested at the work-plan meeting between Panel Chairman and Deputy Chairman and SCED and S for IT on 6 November 2017 that relevant deputations be invited to attend the meeting and give views on the various funding schemes. Members noted the above proposed meeting arrangement at the Panel meeting on 21 November 2017.

**9. Promotion of inward investment**

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

April 2018

**10. Progress of the development of Trade Single Window and Launch of Phase 1**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest progress of developing a Trade Single Window in Hong Kong following a phased approach, including the plan to launch Phase 1 in mid-2018 and the progress of the associated business process review, and the manpower proposal regarding directorate posts in the Single Window Project Management Office.

April 2018

**Timing  
for discussion  
proposed by the  
Administration**

**11. Updating of the Rules of the High Court (Cap. 4A) in relation to court proceedings under the Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514), Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap. 522) and Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559)**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposed legislative exercise to update the Rules of the High Court and three other relevant pieces of subsidiary legislation.

May 2018

**12. 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.

May 2018

**13. Progress Report on Research and Development Centres in 2017-2018**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the operation of the Research and Development Centres in 2017-2018, and the development of relevant policy of re-industrialization.

June 2018

It was suggested that deputations including representatives of relevant industries and groups/organizations be invited to attend the meeting and give views on Hong Kong's development of research and development and the policy of re-industrialization. Members noted the above proposed meeting arrangement at the Panel meeting on 21 November 2017.

**14. Latest development of the Hong Kong Science Park and industrial estates**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest development of the Hong Kong Science Park and industrial estates.

Fourth quarter of  
2018

**Timing  
for discussion  
proposed by the  
Administration**

**15. Development Plan for a City Cluster in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the Development Plan for a City Cluster in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area ("the Development Plan") after its promulgation.

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG suggested inviting the Administration to brief the Panel on the policies and measures to help young people and young entrepreneurs leverage opportunities in the innovation and technology sector, in particular the opportunities arising from the Development Plan. It was further suggested that members of the Panel on Education be invited to join the discussion at the relevant meeting.

At the Panel meeting on 21 November 2017, members considered Hon Michael TIEN's suggestion and raised no objection to hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Economic Development ("ED Panel") and Panel on Financial Affairs ("FA Panel") to discuss the relevant issues, taking into account that the discussion of the said item might likely involve various policy matters which would be of concern to members of the other two Panels. At the instruction of the Chairman, Hon Michael TIEN's suggestion had been referred to ED Panel and FA Panel for consideration. While both the Chairmen of ED Panel and FA Panel raised no objection to the proposed joint meeting, Hon Kenneth LEUNG, Chairman of FA Panel further suggested that the proposed joint meeting be held after the proposed joint duty visit of the two Panels to the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area.

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Administration**

**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

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 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 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. The aforesaid joint subcommittee has been currently on the waiting list of subcommittees on policy issues to be activated.

**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