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Panel on Economic Development

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 12 October 2017, at 5:00 pm
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Alvin YEUNG (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin
Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, JP
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Hon SHIU Ka-fai
Hon CHAN Chun-ying
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP
Hon LUK Chung-hung
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho

Member attending : Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP

Members absent : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Clerk in attendance : Ms Shirley CHAN
Chief Council Secretary (4)5

Staff in attendance : Mr Matthew LOO
Assistant Secretary General 4

Ms Shirley TAM
Senior Council Secretary (4)5

Ms Lauren LI
Council Secretary (4)5

Miss Winnie CHENG
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)1

Ms Carmen HO
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)2

Miss Emma CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)3

Ms Zoe TONG
Legislative Assistant (4)5

Miss Vivian YUEN
Legislative Assistant (4)9

Miss Mandy LUI
Clerical Assistant (4)5

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman for the 2017-2018 session

Mr Jeffrey LAM, the incumbent Chairman of the Panel, presided over the election of Chairman for the 2017-2018 session.

2. Mr Jeffrey LAM invited nominations for the chairmanship. Ms Starry LEE nominated Mr LAM and the nomination was seconded by Mrs Regina IP. Mr LAM accepted the nomination.

3. As Mr Jeffrey LAM was nominated for the chairmanship, Mr Alvin YEUNG, the incumbent Deputy Chairman of the Panel, took over from Mr LAM to preside over the election. Mr YEUNG called for other nominations.

4. There being no other nomination, Mr Alvin YEUNG declared Mr Jeffrey LAM elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2017-2018 session. Mr LAM then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman for the 2017-2018 session

5. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr Kenneth LEUNG nominated Mr Alvin YEUNG and the nomination was seconded by Mr Charles MOK. Mr YEUNG accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr Alvin YEUNG elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2017-2018 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2017-2018 session

6. Members noted the proposed schedule of regular monthly meetings of the Panel for the 2017-2018 session tabled at the meeting. They agreed that the regular meetings would be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:45 am, except for the meetings in October and December 2017 which would be held on Monday, 30 October 2017, at 8:30 am and Tuesday, 12 December 2017, at 4:30 pm respectively.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule for the 2017-2018 session was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)35/17-18 on 13 October 2017.)

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III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No. — List of outstanding items for
CB(4)3/17-18 discussion

Appendix VI to LC Paper No. — List of follow-up actions)
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Meeting on 30 October 2017

7. Members agreed that the October meeting would be held on Monday, 30 October 2017, at 8:30 am for members to receive briefings by the Bureau Directors concerned on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address.

Meeting on 27 November 2017

8. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the November meeting scheduled for Monday, 27 November 2017 –

- (a) incident of flight cancellation of Hong Kong Express Airways;
- (b) proposed retention of three supernumerary directorate posts in the Airport Expansion Project Coordination Office under the Transport and Housing Bureau; and
- (c) proposed retention of one supernumerary post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C in the Tourism Commission of Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch).

9. To allow sufficient time for discussion, members also agreed that the meeting on 27 November 2017 would be advanced to start at 10:15 am.

Items for future meetings

10. Mr James TO said that following his request made in the last session for discussing the Report of the Transport and Housing Bureau's Investigation into Staff Conduct in the Marine Department in relation to the Vessel Collision Incident near Lamma Island on 1 October 2012 ("the Report"), some Members had perused the Report under the Administration's arrangement. Since the subject had been included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion for a long time, he requested an early discussion of this subject.

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11. Mr Holden CHOW proposed to discuss the implementation progress of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362), including the number of prosecutions instituted and the manpower arrangements for taking enforcement actions. He also said that the Administration should brief the Panel on "Imposition of a mandatory cooling-off period for consumer contracts", which had been included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion, as soon as the outcome of the research study conducted by the Consumer Council was available .

12. Mr LUK Chung-hung requested the Panel to discuss a proposed Member's Bill to amend the Electricity Ordinance (Cap. 406) to impose restrictions for resale of electricity to a third party, with a view to avoiding landlords of sub-divisions of flat units overcharging their tenants on the use of electricity.

13. Mrs Regina IP proposed to discuss the latest development of the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal ("KTCT"). She also requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the role and position of KTCT amid its neighbouring competitors, such as the Shekou Port in Shenzhen.

14. Ms Starry LEE echoed Mrs Regina IP's suggestion. She added that the Administration should also brief the Panel on measures to optimize the use of KTCT and increase its patronage. Meanwhile, Ms LEE also proposed to discuss the supporting measures for the operation of inbound tour groups, such as provision of extra parking spaces and formulation of relevant facilitation policy, so as to tackle nuisance caused to local residents.

15. Mr YIU Si-wing proposed to discuss the Administration's initiative to develop and explore tourism products and projects with local and international characteristics, which was set out in the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address. In particular, he was concerned about the detailed plan and financial resources related to this initiative.

16. Ms Claudia MO proposed to discuss the development of Hong Kong's port. She also expressed concern on the impact of ownership of local real estate by Mainland capital and suggested the discussion of the Administration's policy on sale of land and its implication on local economy. The Chairman remarked that the subject might fall outside the purview of the Panel.

17. Mr Jeremy TAM said that given the Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Relating to the Three-runway System at the Hong Kong

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International Airport would complete its work shortly, he proposed to discuss the development of the three-runway system on a yearly basis. Relevant discussions should cover the construction progress and project expenditure. He also suggested that the Airport Authority Hong Kong should submit a progress report every half-year on this subject to facilitate members to monitor this project which had significant implication on the sustainability of Hong Kong.

Proposed duty visit

18. Ms Starry LEE proposed to arrange a joint duty visit with the Panel on Financial Affairs ("FA Panel") to Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area ("Bay Area") to better understand the economic and financial initiatives brought by this development plan.

19. Mr Kenneth LEUNG expressed support for the proposed joint Panel duty visit to the Bay Area. He said that as the Chairman of the FA Panel, he would consult members of his Panel accordingly.

20. The Chairman said that he would liaise with the Chairman of the FA Panel regarding the proposed arrangement of a joint Panel duty visit to the Bay Area.

Work plan for the 2017-2018 session

21. The Chairman added that he and the Deputy Chairman would meet with the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, the Secretary for the Environment and the Secretary for Transport and Housing shortly to discuss the annual work plan of the Panel for the 2017-2018 session. He would relay members' requests to the Administration at the said meetings. Members might notify him or the Clerk if they wished to raise any other items for discussion at future Panel meetings. Further, members might also raise their concerns on tourism matters and relevant policy initiatives at the forthcoming policy briefing.

IV. Any other business

22. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:27 pm.