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**Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee
of the Legislative Council**

**Minutes of the 29th meeting
held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex
on Wednesday, 19 June 2019, at 8:30 am**

Members present:

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP (Chairman)

Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP (Deputy Chairman)

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP

Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP

Hon Claudia MO

Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP

Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP

Hon WU Chi-wai, MH

Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP

Hon CHAN Chi-chuen

Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

Hon Alvin YEUNG

Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin

Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP
Hon HO Kai-ming
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
Hon HUI Chi-fung
Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai
Hon KWONG Chun-yu
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon AU Nok-hin
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS
Hon CHAN Hoi-yan

Members absent:

Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP

Public officers attending:

Mr Raistlin LAU Chun, JP	Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) ³
Miss Joey LAM Kam-ping, JP	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) (Acting)
Ms Bernadette LINN, JP	Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands)
Mr Elvis AU Wai-kwong, JP	Deputy Director of Environmental Protection (1)
Ms Margaret HSIA Mai-chi	Principal Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) (Works)

Dr CHUI Tak-yi, JP	Under Secretary for Food and Health
Mr Ricky WU Cheuk-wang	Principal Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Health)3 (Acting)
Miss Sharon KO Yee-wai	Principal Assistant Secretary for Education (Higher Education)
Mr Allen LEUNG Kin-tak	Chief Technical Adviser (Subvented Projects) Architectural Services Department
Miss Winnie WONG	Deputy Secretary-General (1) University Grants Committee Secretariat
Dr Raymond SO Wai-man, BBS, JP	Under Secretary for Transport and Housing
Ms Shirley KWAN Yu-pik	Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)2
Mr Michael LEUNG Chung-lap, JP	Project Manager (East) Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr Sunny LO Sai-pak	Chief Engineer (East)1 Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms Candy KWOK Wai-ying	Assistant Commissioner for Transport (Management and Paratransit)
Mr Tony YAU Kwok-ting	Assistant Commissioner for Transport (Technical Services)
Mr Kelvin SIU Kin-man	Assistant Commissioner for Transport (Planning) (Acting)
Mr Ricky HO Wai-kee	Chief Traffic Engineer (Smart Mobility) Transport Department
Mr Sunny YEUNG Pa-wut	Principal Executive Officer (VALID and Licensing) Transport Department

Attendance by invitation:

Mr Andy TONG	Vice President (Campus Development and Facilities) The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Dr Shamay NG	Associate Head and Associate Professor Department of Rehabilitation Sciences The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Prof TO Chi-ho	Head and Professor School of Optometry The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Mr Daniel SUEN	Director of Campus Development Office The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Mr Ben LAU	Associate Director of Campus Development Office The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Ms Shirley FUNG	Senior Project Manager of Campus Development Office The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Mr James LEUNG	Senior Associate Andrew Lee King Fun & Associates Architects Limited

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Doris LO	Chief Council Secretary (1)2
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Staff in attendance:

Mr Keith WONG	Council Secretary (1)2
Ms Christina SHIU	Legislative Assistant (1)2
Ms Christy YAU	Legislative Assistant (1)8
Ms Clara LO	Legislative Assistant (1)9

The Chairman advised that there were 12 papers for discussion on the agenda for the meeting. The first and the forth to ninth items were funding proposals carried over from the previous meeting, while the second, third and the tenth to twelfth items were new submissions from the Administration. Those 12 funding proposals involved a total funding provision of \$22,801.7 million. He reminded members that in accordance with Rule 83A of the Rules of Procedure ("RoP") of the Legislative Council ("LegCo"), they should disclose the nature of any direct or indirect pecuniary interests relating to the funding proposals under discussion at the meeting before they spoke on the proposals. He also drew members' attention to Rule 84 of RoP on voting in case of direct pecuniary interest.

**Head 708 — Capital Subventions and Major Systems and Equipment
PWSC(2019-20)17 30EK Campus Expansion at Ho Man Tin Slope**

2. The Chairman advised that the proposal, i.e. [PWSC\(2019-20\)17](#), sought to upgrade 30EK to Category A at an estimated cost of \$1,418 million in money-of-the-day ("MOD") prices for campus expansion for the Hong Kong Polytechnic University ("PolyU") by constructing an academic building ("the new academic building") at Ho Man Tin Slope. The Government had consulted the Panel on Health Services and the Panel on Education on the proposed works on 21 January 2019. Panel members supported the submission of the funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration. A report on the gist of the Panels' discussion was tabled at the meeting.

Facilities of the new academic building

3. Mr Tony TSE expressed support for the proposed project. He opined that the project could provide more medicine-related training facilities in Hong Kong. Mr TSE and Dr Fernando CHEUNG sought details of the community health clinics in the new academic building, including the types of these clinics and their service targets.

4. Vice President (Campus Development and Facilities), Hong Kong Polytechnic University ("VP(CDF)/PolyU"), said that a rehabilitation clinic and an optometry clinic would be provided in the new academic building upon its completion. In addition to medical services for the community, the two clinics would also provide practicum opportunities for students of the Department of Rehabilitation Science and the School of Optometry. He added that PolyU had not yet decided whether the Rehabilitation Clinic and the Optometry Clinic currently operating in the main campus of PolyU would be retained after the commissioning of the new clinics.

5. Dr Fernando CHEUNG declared that he was a former teaching staff of PolyU. Dr CHEUNG expressed support for the Administration's effort to increase the provision of medical training facilities. He requested the Administration to provide the floor plans of the proposed new academic building showing the locations of the rehabilitation clinic and the optometry clinic. Moreover, he enquired how PolyU would ensure that the barrier-free accesses of the new academic building could meet the needs of staff and students of PolyU and visitors.

(Post-meeting note: The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide [LC Paper No. PWSC261/18-19\(01\)](#) on 11 July 2019.)

6. Director of Campus Development Office, Hong Kong Polytechnic University ("DoCD/PolyU"), said that the entrance to the two clinics would be provided on the sixth floor of the new academic building, which was at the same level of and connected to a vehicular access. Therefore, it would be convenient for patients seeking treatment to access the clinics by road transport. He added that the management of PolyU had consulted its staff and students on the design of the barrier-free accesses of the new academic building. The university management would take pro-active follow-up actions should areas of improvement be identified after completion of the building.

7. Mr AU Nok-hin noted from the Government's submission that the academic building would provide additional teaching and research facilities for students of the Department of Rehabilitation Science and the School of Optometry. He opined that PolyU should consider relocating all the teaching facilities and offices of the two disciplines to the new academic building for the convenience of its staff and students. Dr Fernando CHEUNG also enquired whether its staff and students were thoroughly consulted on the proposal of relocating university facilities to the new academic building.

8. DoCD/PolyU said that the management of PolyU had decided to relocate the facilities of the Department of Rehabilitation Science and the School of Optometry to the new academic building as appropriate. The university management had taken full heed of the views of its staff and students when designing the building. Head and Professor, School of Optometry, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, also said that staff representatives of the School of Optometry liaised regularly with the Campus Development Office of PolyU to provide their views on the design of the new academic building. Student consultation meetings were held to keep students informed of the development of the new academic building and

facilitate exchange of views on its design. He added that the facilities of the School of Optometry were currently scattered across different buildings in PolyU's campus, which brought inconvenience to its staff and students. During consultations, the major demand of its staff and students was to co-locate the facilities of the School of Optometry in the same academic building. Therefore, the university management believed that the layout of the facilities in the new academic building could address the needs of its staff and students.

9. Dr CHENG Chung-tai enquired whether a canteen would be provided in the new academic building of PolyU for use by its staff and students. DoCD/PolyU said that the new academic building would be connected to a new hostel block for students, in which a canteen would be provided. It was expected that the capacity of the canteen would be able to serve the about 1 279 boarding students and the about 1 000 staff and students using the new academic building.

10. Mr AU Nok-hin opined that the greening area on the roof of the new academic building should be carefully designed to ensure that the load of the greening provisions would not undermine the structural safety of the building. DoCD/PolyU said that the load of the rooftop greening area had been taken into account in the design of the new academic building. The design concerned would not affect the structure of the building.

Project cost and additional recurrent costs of the new academic building

11. Mr Tony TSE was concerned that given the limited choice of sites available in the campus for expansion works, the new academic building would be built on a slope and hence the relevant site formation works would incur a higher overall project cost. In this connection, he sought details of the site formation works and asked if the Administration or PolyU had considered the cost-effectiveness of the project when choosing the site concerned.

12. VP(CDF)/PolyU said that the site formation works programme of the new academic building had been approved by the Civil Engineering and Development Department. PolyU had also invited tenders for the site formation and foundation works. The university management was evaluating the tenders received. Subject to the funding approval of the Finance Committee ("FC"), construction works were expected to commence in September 2019. As the new academic building and the new hostel block were connected and located on the same site, works of both facilities would be implemented in parallel. The Government would share the cost of the

site formation works in proportion to the project scope of the new academic building.

13. As to whether the construction cost of the new academic building was reasonable, Chief Technical Adviser (Subvented Projects), Architectural Services Department, said that the Administration had considered a host of factors in the evaluation process, including, among other things, the availability of other suitable sites near the main campus of PolyU, the difficulties involved in carrying out the project at the current location, construction time, and the technical requirements of the project. After consideration, the Administration found the construction cost reasonable.

14. Dr Fernando CHEUNG was concerned that the slope on which the new academic building was built might incur a high maintenance cost in the long run, adding financial pressure to PolyU. VP(CDF)/PolyU said that the team of engineering consultants appointed by PolyU had thoroughly examined the conditions of the slope and considered ways to ensure its structural safety in designing the new academic building.

15. Mr Gary FAN noted from paragraph 14 of the Government's submission (i.e. [PWSC\(2019-20\)17](#)) that the proposed project would have no impact on tuition fees, and the additional recurrent costs associated with the project would be absorbed by PolyU. Therefore, the proposed works would have no additional recurrent financial implications for the Government. He sought details of the financial arrangement concerned.

16. VP(CDF)/PolyU said that the project cost of the proposed new academic building would be borne by the Government. After its completion, the costs of management and day-to-day repair and maintenance would be borne by PolyU. Based on preliminary calculation, PolyU would be able to absorb the additional expenses arising from the new academic building after its completion with the annual funding provided by the Government to support the university's daily operation.

17. Mr Gary FAN and Dr Fernando CHEUNG enquired about the mechanism the Administration had in place to offer assistance to PolyU if it was financially incapable of absorbing the recurrent expenses arising from the new academic building after its completion.

18. Deputy Secretary-General (1), University Grants Committee Secretariat, replied that the Government would bear the construction cost of university projects funded by University Grants Committee ("UGC") while the universities concerned would undertake the management and maintenance services of those facilities after their completion. The relevant

mechanism had been in place for a long time, and there had not been any cases of universities being financially incapable of absorbing those expenses. She added that UGC would discuss with the university as appropriate to work out a solution in case the university was unable to absorb the recurrent expenditure due to financial difficulties.

Connection between the new academic building and the main campus of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University

19. Dr CHENG Chung-tai pointed out that the proposed new academic building was located far away from the main campus of PolyU. Staff and students might need to travel between the main campus and the new academic building via Hung Hom Station and Ho Man Tin Station on the Shatin to Central Link ("SCL") of MTR. He enquired about the arrangement PolyU would put in place to help staff and students travel between the main campus and the new academic building should SCL be not yet ready for commissioning upon completion of the new academic building. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen also enquired whether PolyU would provide shuttle bus service between the main campus and the new academic building.

20. DoCD/PolyU replied that the new academic building would be connected to the existing Block Z of PolyU by a public pedestrian walkway, which would be about a few hundred metres long and barrier-free. Staff and students might access the main campus of PolyU via the footbridge of Block Z. PolyU would review the pedestrian traffic after the commissioning of the new academic building. If necessary, it would consider providing connecting transport services between the main campus and the new academic building.

Other comments

21. Mr Gary FAN, Dr Fernando CHEUNG, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen and Mr AU Nok-hin expressed dissatisfaction that the Administration had only suspended the legislative amendment exercise of the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance and the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Ordinance while failing to accept the public demand for the withdrawal of the Fugitive Offenders and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019. Under such circumstances, they found it difficult, in principle, to support the funding proposals for public works projects put forward by the Administration. Dr CHENG Chung-tai expressed a similar view and said that he would oppose to all funding proposals for public works projects put forward by the Administration in order to express his discontent with the Administration's decision on the above legislative amendment exercise.

Voting on PWSC(2019-20)17

22. There being no further questions from members on the item, the Chairman put [PWSC\(2019-20\)17](#) to vote. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division. Eighteen members voted for and one member voted against the proposal. Four members abstained from voting. The votes of individual members were as follows:

For:

Mr Tommy CHEUNG
Mr CHAN Hak-kan
Mr Frankie YICK
Mr CHAN Han-pan
Ms Alice MAK
Mr HO Kai-ming
Mr Wilson OR
Mr LUK Chung-hung
Mr Vincent CHENG
(18 members)

Ms Starry LEE
Dr Priscilla LEUNG
Mr MA Fung-kwok
Mr LEUNG Che-cheung
Dr Junius HO
Mr Holden CHOW
Mr HUI Chi-fung
Mr LAU Kwok-fan
Mr Tony TSE

Against:

Dr CHENG Chung-tai
(1 member)

Abstained:

Mr CHAN Chi-chuen
Mr Alvin YEUNG
(4 members)

Dr Fernando CHEUNG
Mr Gary FAN

23. The Chairman declared that the item was endorsed by the Subcommittee. The Chairman consulted members on whether the item would require separate voting at the relevant FC meeting. No member made such a request.

Head 707 — New Towns and Urban Area Development**PWSC(2019-20)18 823TH Tseung Kwan O — Lam Tin Tunnel — remaining works**

24. The Chairman advised that the proposal, i.e. [PWSC\(2019-20\)18](#), sought to upgrade the remaining part of 823TH to Category A at an estimated cost of \$330.2 million in MOD prices to construct a free-flow tolling system ("FFTS") at the Tseung Kwan O—Lam Tin Tunnel ("TKO-LTT"). The

Government had consulted the Panel on Transport on the proposed works on 18 January 2019. Panel members had no objection to the submission of the funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration. A report on the gist of the Panel's discussion was tabled at the meeting.

Implementation of free-flow tolling system at Tseung Kwan O—Lam Tin Tunnel

25. Mr HO Kai-ming said that he did not oppose to the construction of FFTS at TKO-LTT by the Administration. However, he was concerned about the operation of toll collection through FFTS. Given that TKO-LTT was currently the only tunnel confirmed to adopt FFTS, he enquired whether sufficient incentives were provided to encourage vehicle owners to acquire in-vehicle units ("IVUs") for using the system. Mr WU Chi-wai enquired whether the Administration had plans to extend FFTS to other government tolled tunnels and roads.

26. Under Secretary for Transport and Housing ("USTH") said that the Transport Department ("TD") planned to provide a first free IVU for vehicle owners applying for or renewing the licences of their vehicles starting from the third quarter of 2020. The Government also planned to retrofit other government tolled tunnels and roads with tolling gantries and the necessary field equipment progressively within two to three years or so after the commissioning of TKO-LTT to enable the phased implementation of FFTS at those tunnels and roads. He believed that with the gradual extension of FFTS to other government tolled tunnels and roads, more vehicles owners would be attracted to use IVUs expeditiously.

27. Mr HO Kai-ming and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen enquired how tolls for using TKO-LTT could be collected from vehicles which were not affixed with IVUs, and the procedure to deal with toll evasion.

28. USTH said that under the interim arrangement for payment in arrears, vehicles which had used TKO-LTT but were not affixed with IVUs and without the prior setup for automatic payment would be detected. TD would issue toll payment notifications to these vehicle owners, reminding them to pay the tolls in arrears within a grace period (five working days as currently proposed). If the payment was not settled within the grace period, TD would issue written notifications to the vehicle owners demanding for the unpaid tolls plus surcharge.

29. Mr HO Kai-ming considered the above procedure of collecting tolls in arrears too complicated, and expressed concern that the administrative cost

would be even higher than the tolls collected. He also enquired about the mechanism under which vehicle owners might appeal against disputed tolls.

30. Assistant Commissioner for Transport (Management and Paratransit) ("AC(MP)/TD") said that at the Tsing Ma and Tsing Sha Control Areas, surcharges for toll evasion were currently imposed on a cost-recovery basis. TD was considering the surcharge level for toll evasion at TKO-LTT, and the relevant arrangements of the Tsing Ma and Tsing Sha Control Areas would be used as reference. Moreover, by making reference to the current practice of other government tolled tunnels and roads, vehicle owners might seek a review if they suspected to have been wrongly tolled.

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31. Mr WU Chi-wai and Mr HO Kai-ming noted from the Government's submission that the Administration expected to spend more than \$80 million on acquiring the backend computer system of FFTS. They enquired whether, after FFTS had been extended to other tolled tunnels and roads, the backend computer system could support the FFTSs at these tolled tunnels and roads as well, and whether this would give rise to additional expenditure. Mr WU requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on when and how FFTS would be implemented at other government roads and tunnels, and the additional expenditure arising from extending FFTS to other government roads and tunnels.

32. Project Manager (East), Civil Engineering and Development Department ("PM(E)/CEDD"), and Chief Traffic Engineer (Smart Mobility), Transport Department ("CTE(SM)/TD"), advised that the backend computer system of FFTS was used mainly for handling toll collection at TKO-LTT, including customer management and bill issuing. The backend computer system could be expanded in future to connect to the FFTSs at other tolled tunnels or roads. Resources had been allocated to TD to cover the associated software development cost.

33. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen enquired about the cost incurred by the Administration for issuing IVUs to registered vehicle owners, and whether the relevant cost was included in the cost estimate of the proposed project.

34. USTH and Assistant Commissioner for Transport (Technical Services) said that each IVU cost around two US dollars. The cost incurred by TD for providing IVUs was funded by the capital account for "plant, vehicles and equipment" (Subhead 603) under TD's annual estimate of expenditure.

Admin

35. As currently most government tolled tunnels and roads adopted the Autotoll electronic toll collection ("ETC") system ("the Autotoll system"), Mr Jeremy TAM requested the Administration to provide supplementary

information on how the operators of other government tolled tunnels and roads would deal with the ETC service contracts signed with Autotoll Limited after FFTS had been extended to those tunnels and roads, and about the arrangements concerned.

36. AC(MP)/TD said that the service currently provided through the Autotoll system by operators of government tolled tunnels and roads was believed to have no bearing on the Government's plan of extending FFTS to those tolled tunnels and roads. She added that according to the Government's understanding, clauses relating to cessation of service were provided in the service contracts signed between the operators and Autotoll Limited.

37. Dr Junius HO expressed support for the proposed project. He sought an explanation from the Administration on the capital cost of the proposed works which topped more than \$300 million.

38. PM(E)/CEDD said that in estimating the capital cost of the proposed works, the Government had referred to the capital costs of related systems in other places (including the same type of FFTS adopted by a highway in Ireland) and the recent replacement of new traffic management systems at Tsing Ma Control Area. These systems incurred around HK\$300 million in capital cost. For the proposed project, however, the estimated capital cost was slightly higher than that of the aforesaid systems due to the tender premium added by the contractor having regard that FFTS had yet to be adopted extensively in Hong Kong, and the inclusion of customer management and bill issuing features in the FFTS of TKO-LTT. He supplemented that the proposed project had been examined by the Project Cost Management Office ("PCMO") of the Development Bureau, and the design of the backup system of FFTS had been streamlined in the light of the advice of PCMO and the findings of field evaluation in order to bring down the project cost. Meanwhile, the cost of installing the tolling gantry was further reduced through modifying the design of the link road to TKO-LTT.

Collection of personal data by free-flow tolling system

39. Mr Gary FAN noted that according to the Administration, no insurmountable personal data privacy concerns pertaining to FFTS and workflow were envisaged after consultation with the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data ("PCPDO"). He requested the Administration to explain how the personal data collected by FFTS would be handled and how the protection of such data could be ensured, and provide members with the privacy impact assessment report on the design of the FFTS at TKO-LTT.

40. CTE(SM)/TD said that the personal data collected by and stored in FFTS would be handled and protected in accordance with the advice of PCPDO. After FFTS had read the data on the IVU affixed to a vehicle using the tunnel, the frontend computer would only collect the data on its Tag ID and Vehicle ID, which did not involve any personal data, and the data would be encrypted. In general, the stored data would be deleted after 90 days if toll disputes were not involved. Only authorized persons were allowed to access the personal data stored in the backend computer system of FFTS. Access to personal data by authorized persons was also subject to recorded monitoring.

41. Dr KWOK Ka-ki was concerned that the Administration would use FFTS to monitor the movement of members of the public. Moreover, he enquired whether the Administration had selected a contractor for FFTS.

42. CTE(SM)/TD stressed that FFTS would be used for toll collection only. The Government had neither commenced the detailed design of FFTS nor selected a contractor.

Toll collection method of Tseung Kwan O—Lam Tin Tunnel

43. Dr KWOK Ka-ki and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen expressed opposition to collecting tolls from users of TKO-LTT, and requested the Administration to make Tseung Kwan O Tunnel ("TKO Tunnel") toll-free as well. They opined that the collection of tolls would be unfair to residents of Tseung Kwan O, who would be the main users of TKO-LTT and TKO Tunnel.

44. USTH said that the major aim of developing TKO-LTT was to relieve the current traffic congestion at TKO Tunnel. In proposing the toll level for TKO-LTT, the Government had taken into account a basket of factors, including the recovery of the tunnel development cost and traffic management. A toll-free TKO-LTT was expected to attract additional traffic, which would have an adverse impact on traffic management. As Tseung Kwan O was currently accessible from the urban areas by two toll-free roads, the Government considered it appropriate from a traffic management point of view to collect tolls for the use of both tunnels and set their tolls at the same level.

45. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen requested the Administration to provide statistics on the additional traffic to be attracted to TKO-LTT should it be made toll-free. Assistant Commissioner for Transport (Planning) said that the daily average usage of TKO-LTT was expected to increase by about 30%

should it be made toll-free, which would have an adverse impact on the traffic of the Lam Tin and Cha Kwo Ling areas.

Other comments

46. Mr Gary FAN and Dr KWOK Ka-ki said that the Administration's refusal to withdraw the Fugitive Offenders and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019 had undermined the acceptability of the Government's governance and caused strong discontent among the public. They requested that USTH should state his stance towards the incident and consider resigning from the post of Under Secretary. USTH said that he understood members' views and had nothing to add.

47. Dr Junius HO expressed discontent with other members for discussing matters unrelated to the agenda item at the meeting.

48. The Chairman urged members to refrain from arguing over issues unrelated to the agenda item. He urged members to focus their discussion on matters directly related to the agenda item.

Meeting procedure

49. The Chairman advised that it was the 30th and the last meeting of the Subcommittee in the current legislative session. During this legislative session, the meetings of the Subcommittee spanned nearly 68 hours. He thanked members for their active participation in the past year, and government representatives for attending the meetings.

50. The Chairman advised that a special meeting of the Subcommittee was being arranged to deal with a motion proposed earlier by Dr KWOK Ka-ki (motion of no confidence in the Chairman). Members would be informed of the relevant arrangement in due course.

(Post-meeting note: At the direction of the Chairman, members were informed of the aforesaid special meeting scheduled for 17 July 2019, from 8:30 am to 10:30 am, by the notice of meeting issued vide LC Paper No. PWSC256/18-19 on 26 June 2019. Subsequently, members were informed vide LC Paper No. PWSC265/18-19 on 4 July 2019 that given the serious damage caused by the storming of the LegCo Complex by some protesters on 1 July 2019 and for safety and security reasons, the Chairman had decided to cancel the special meeting.)

51. The meeting ended at 10:30 am.

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