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Panel on Financial Affairs

**Minutes of meeting held on
Thursday, 11 October 2018 at 10:00 am
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

Members present : Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP
(Chairman)
Hon Kenneth LEUNG (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Alvin YEUNG
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, JP
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP
Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH

Members absent : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon HO Kai-ming

Clerk in attendance : Mr Hugo CHIU
Chief Council Secretary (1)4 (Acting)

Staff in attendance : Ms Anita SIT
Assistant Secretary General 1

Miss Sharon LO
Senior Council Secretary (1)9

Ms Mandy LI
Council Secretary (1)4

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms Sharon CHAN
Legislative Assistant (1)4

Ms Christy YAU
Legislative Assistant (1)7

Ms Haley CHEUNG
Legislative Assistant (1)9

Ms Vivian CHAN
Clerical Assistant (1)4

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I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr Kenneth LEUNG, Chairman of the Panel on Financial Affairs ("the Panel") in office, presided over the election of Chairman for the 2018-2019 session and invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Mr Christopher CHEUNG was nominated by Mr CHAN Chun-ying and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Kin-por. Mr Christopher CHEUNG accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Mr Kenneth LEUNG declared that Mr Christopher CHEUNG was elected the Chairman of the Panel. Mr CHEUNG then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship for the 2018-2019 session. Mr Kenneth LEUNG was nominated by Mr Dennis KWOK and the nomination was seconded by Mr Alvin YEUNG. Mr Kenneth LEUNG accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Mr Kenneth LEUNG was elected the Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

II Schedule of meetings for the 2018-2019 session

4. The Chairman referred members to the proposed schedule of meetings for the 2018-2019 session tabled at the meeting. Members agreed that the monthly regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the first Monday of each month from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm except in July 2019 in which the meeting date had to be re-scheduled due to clash with a public holiday.

(Post-meeting note: The schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for the 2018-2019 session was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)11/18-19 on 11 October 2018.)

III Items for discussion at the next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No.— List of outstanding items
CB(1)6/18-19 for discussion)

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Policy briefing on 30 October 2018

5. Members noted that a special meeting would be held on 30 October 2018 at 9:00 am for the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury to brief the Panel on the relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address.

Regular meeting on 5 November 2018

6. Members agreed to discuss the following items proposed by the Administration at the regular meeting scheduled for 5 November 2018:

- (a) briefing on the work of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority ("HKMA"); and
- (b) proposed profits tax exemption for funds.

7. Members further agreed that the Panel would discuss the issue of HKMA's investment strategy during the latter's work briefing in November 2018.

Proposed discussion items for future meetings

8. Mrs Regina IP suggested that the Panel should invite representatives of the Securities and Futures Commission to explain the implementation of the Code on Real Estate Investment Trusts ("the Code"), including whether (a) the alleged plan of the Link Real Estate Investment Trust ("the Link") to sell its assets; and (b) the unsatisfactory performance of the Link in managing some of its assets had violated the Code. Mrs IP further suggested that the Panel should discuss the matter at its regular meeting in November 2018 if feasible.

9. Dr Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the development of financial technologies ("Fintech") in Hong Kong and its further measures to facilitate Fintech development. Pointing out that her office had received a number of fraud cases involving money lenders, Dr QUAT also suggested that the Panel should discuss matters relating to the regulation of money lenders.

10. Mr Kenneth LEUNG suggested that the Panel should discuss issues relating to the implementation of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing measures.

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11. The Chairman said that in line with past practice, he and the Deputy Chairman would meet with the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury to discuss the work plan of the Panel for the 2018-2019 session. He would discuss with the Administration during the work plan meeting on how to follow up issues suggested by members. He invited members who wished to propose other items for discussion to inform the Panel Clerk in writing.

IV Any other business

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:10 am.

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