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Panel on Commerce and Industry

Minutes of meeting
held on Friday, 18 October 2019, at 11:30 am
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Alvin YEUNG (Deputy Chairman)
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 Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP
Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, GBS, JP
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding
Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP
Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP

Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon CHAN Hoi-yan

Members attending : Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP

Members absent : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Clerk in attendance : Mr Desmond LAM
Chief Council Secretary (1)3

Staff in attendance : Ms Anita SIT
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Connie HO
Senior Council Secretary (1)3

Mr Joey LO
Senior Council Secretary (1)8

Mr Terence LAM
Council Secretary (1)3

Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms May LEUNG
Legislative Assistant (1)3

Ms Christy YAU
Legislative Assistant (1)8

Ms Clara LO
Legislative Assistant (1)9

Ms Haley CHEUNG
Legislative Assistant (1)10

Miss Zoe YIP
Clerical Assistant (1)3

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

(Appendix III -- Terms of Reference of the Panel on
to LC Paper No. CB(1)4/19-20 Commerce and Industry

Appendix IV -- List of Government Advisory Bodies
to LC Paper No. CB(1)4/19-20 relevant to Legislative Council Panel
on Commerce and Industry)

Election of Chairman

Mr YIU Si-wing, the incumbent Chairman of the Panel on Commerce and Industry ("the Panel"), presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel for the 2019-2020 session and invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Mr Jimmy NG was nominated by Mr Steven HO and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Ting-kwong. Mr NG accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, Mr YIU Si-wing declared that Mr Jimmy NG was elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2019-2020 session. Mr NG then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship for the 2019-2020 session. Mr Alvin YEUNG was nominated by Mr WU Chi-wai and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Chi-chuen. Mr YEUNG accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Mr Alvin YEUNG was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2019-2020 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2019-2020 session

4. Members noted the proposed schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for

the 2019-2020 session, and agreed that as in the last session, future regular meetings of the Panel for the 2019-2020 session would be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm. The schedule of Panel meetings for the 2019-2020 session would be issued to members after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The schedule of Panel meetings for the 2019-2020 session was issued to members under LC Paper No. CB(1)26/19-20 dated 18 October 2019.)

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No. -- List of outstanding items for
CB(1)4/19-20 discussion)

Appendix VI to LC Paper No. -- List of follow-up actions)
CB(1)4/19-20

Policy briefing-cum-meeting on 29 October 2019

5. Members noted that the next regular Panel meeting would be held on Tuesday, 29 October 2019, at 2:30 pm to (a) receive the briefings by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs and the Secretary for Innovation and Technology on the Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address; and (b) discuss the Administration's new support measures for small and medium enterprises ("SMEs").

Work plan for 2019-2020 session

6. Members noted that in line with the past practice, the Chairman and Deputy Chairman would meet with the Administration to discuss the work plan of the Panel for regular meetings to be held from December 2019 to June 2020.

(Post-meeting note: An informal meeting on the work plan for the 2019-2020 session would be held on 31 October 2019 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in Conference Room 4 of the Legislative Council Complex.)

7. The Chairman invited members to express views on the list of outstanding items for discussion ("the List"). He also said that if members had any proposed items for discussion, they could inform the clerk of the details in writing by Friday, 25 October 2019. Mr YIU Si-wing and Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok raised concern about the impact of the recent social incidents on the business environment of various industries, in particular SMEs and micro-enterprises. Noting that the Administration would brief the Panel at the next meeting on 29 October 2019 on

the proposed enhancements to the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales and the SME Export Marketing Fund, as well as the proposed introduction of a new loan guarantee product under the SME Financing Guarantee Scheme, Mr YIU suggested that the Administration should brief members on: (a) the Administration's assessment (including figures) on the economic impact on Hong Kong enterprises (especially SMEs and micro-enterprises) amidst the current economic uncertainties; and (b) any other additional specific measures to be rolled out by the Administration to help relieve the burden of Hong Kong enterprises. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to follow up member's suggestions with the Administration.

Clerk

(Post-meeting note: The Clerk wrote to the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development on 18 October 2019 relaying member's suggestions in paragraph 7(a) and (b) above for the Administration's response. On the other hand, the Secretariat had received no proposed items for discussion from members by the set deadline on 25 October 2019.)

8. Mr Holden CHOW said that the passage of the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 by the United States House of Representatives on 15 October 2019 might bring negative impact to Hong Kong's economy and adversely affect the business environment of various industries. He suggested that the Panel should hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Economic Development to discuss the related issues. Mr Jeffery LAM and Dr Priscilla LEUNG raised a similar concern. Dr LEUNG further said that subject to circumstances, the Panel might consider inviting representatives from relevant organizations and major stakeholders of various industries to attend the proposed joint meeting and give views on the related subjects.

Clerk

9. Mr SHIU Ka-fai suggested that the Panel might consider issuing a letter to the United States Congress explaining Hong Kong's actual situation with regard to the protests arising from the Fugitive Offenders and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019. He also requested that in the Administration's report on the work of the overseas Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices ("ETOs") to be submitted for discussion at the meeting on 19 November 2019, the Administration should provide information on the ETOs' efforts during the past few months to explain to the governments of the United States and European countries Hong Kong's actual situation in this regard. Mr Jeffrey LAM said that the Panel should consider disseminating to the international community all factual information on the impact of the recent social incidents on Hong Kong's economy so as to rectify the misperception and misunderstanding that the international community might have over the last few months.

Clerk

IV. Any other business

10. Members noted that the Joint Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Regulation of Devices and Development of the Beauty Industry ("Joint Subcommittee") formed under the Panel and the Panel on Health Services had commenced its work in December 2018, and would complete its work in December 2019. If both Panels agreed, members of the two Panels would be invited to join the Joint Subcommittee in the 2019-2020 session, and those who were current members of the Joint Subcommittee needed not join again as a Member's membership of a subcommittee would last until the subcommittee had completed its work, unless the Member resigned from the subcommittee. Members also noted that the Joint Subcommittee would decide at its first meeting in this session whether re-election of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman would be necessary. Members noted the above arrangement and raised no objection.

(Post-meeting note: The Panel on Health Services at its meeting held on 21 October 2019 noted and agreed to the above re-signification arrangement of the Joint Subcommittee. The first meeting of the Joint Subcommittee in 2019-2020 session would be held on Tuesday, 5 November 2019 at 2:30 pm.)

11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:50 am.

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