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**Panel on Education**

**Subcommittee to Study the Development of Textbooks and Teaching  
Materials for Kindergartens, Primary and Secondary Schools**

**Minutes of the first meeting  
held on Tuesday, 28 April 2020 at 4:30 pm  
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members present** : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP  
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP  
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP  
Hon Claudia MO  
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP  
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP  
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP  
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen  
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP  
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung  
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan  
Hon IP Kin-yuen  
Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP  
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP  
Hon HO Kai-ming  
Hon SHIU Ka-chun  
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH  
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP  
Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP  
Hon Tanya CHAN  
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP  
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH  
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai

Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP  
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

**Members  
absent** : Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP  
Hon HUI Chi-fung

**Members  
attending** : Hon CHU Hoi-dick  
Hon KWONG Chun-yu

**Clerk in  
attendance** : Ms Angel WONG  
Chief Council Secretary (4)4

**Staff in  
attendance** : Miss Joyce CHAN  
Assistant Legal Adviser 1

Miss Mandy NG  
Senior Council Secretary (4)4

Ms Rachel WONG  
Council Secretary (4)4

Ms Sandy HAU  
Legislative Assistant (4)4

Miss Emma LAM  
Clerical Assistant (4)4

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**I. Election of Chairman (and Deputy Chairman)**

The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

2. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, member who had the highest precedence in Council among members of the Subcommittee present, presided over the election of the Chairman and sought their views on whether candidates should be given time to present their election platforms.

3. Ms Claudia MO, Dr Fernando CHEUNG and Ms Tanya CHAN supported candidates' presentation of platforms. Ms MO said that some members of the public were worried that the formation of this Subcommittee was a step in implementing "brainwashing education" and requested the presiding member to seek advice from Mr IP Kin-yuen, who was a Member of

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the education constituency, on whether the name of the Subcommittee was in order. Dr CHEUNG considered there a need for the candidates to explain how they would implement the work plan since the scope of the terms of reference of the Subcommittee was very wide and the current term of the Legislative Council would end in three months' time. Ms CHAN shared similar concerns with Dr CHEUNG.

4. Mrs Regina IP, Mr HO Kai-ming and Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan urged Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung to proceed directly to the election of Chairman. Mrs IP and Mr CHEUNG said that the Panel on Education ("the Panel") had already endorsed the establishment of the Subcommittee (including the name) after thorough discussion. Moreover, the role and power of the presiding member should only be confined to the conduct of the election. Mr CHEUNG added that discussion on the name of the Subcommittee should be held at the Panel, if required. Mr HO considered that Ms Claudia MO's concerns should only be dealt with by the elected Chairman, if required.

5. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung responded that he had to address Ms Claudia MO's concerns at this juncture as, in his view, the name of the Subcommittee could not be changed after the election of Chairman.

6. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen enquired when the work plan of the Subcommittee was formulated and the relevant powers of the Subcommittee, such as in relation to the collection of teaching materials for discussion, ensuring the authenticity of the teaching materials obtained, and whether the Subcommittee has investigative and summoning powers.

7. At the invitation of Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, the Clerk advised that Ms YUNG Hoi-yan had submitted to the Panel a proposal for the setting up of the Subcommittee in accordance with House Rule 22(u). The proposal which contained the terms of reference, time frame and work plan had been considered and endorsed by Panel members.

*(At 4:42 pm, Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung ordered that the meeting be suspended to facilitate the attendance of the Legal Advisor to the Subcommittee to answer Mr CHAN Chi-chuen's enquiries. The meeting was resumed at 4:57 pm.)*

8. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung said that as the appointed end time of the meeting was 5:00 pm, the meeting would close after ALA to the Subcommittee had addressed the concerns of Mr CHAN Chi-chuen.

9. At the invitation of Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, Legal Advisor to the Subcommittee advised that in accordance with section 9 of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382) and Rule 80 of the Rules

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of Procedure, only the Council or a standing committee might have the power to order attendance of witnesses to give evidence. Any other committee had to be specially authorized by a resolution of the Council in order to exercise such power. In addition, the Subcommittee may invite persons (as opposed to summoning witnesses) to participate in the discussion of the Subcommittee and the Subcommittee may also decide on its methods for collecting textbooks and teaching materials for discussion.

10. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen sought confirmation on whether the Subcommittee had to propose a resolution at the Council if it wished to summon a person concerned to give evidence. Legal Advisor to the Subcommittee advised that according to section 9(2) of Cap. 382, the Subcommittee must obtain authorization by a resolution of the Council to exercise the power to order witness attendance.

11. At 5:02 pm, Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung announced that the meeting would close at this juncture.

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<b>Time marker</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>	<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Action required</b>
<i>Agenda Item I – Election of Chairman (and Deputy Chairman)</i>			
000407-001330	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Ms Claudia MO Mrs Regina IP Mr HO Kai-ming Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan Dr Fernando CHEUNG Ms Tanya CHAN Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming	Discussion on whether candidates should make election presentations	
001331-001610	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Mr CHAN Chi-chuen Clerk	Concerns about the work plan and relevant powers and authorities of the Subcommittee	
001610-003049	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung	Suspension of meeting	
003050-003602	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Mr CHAN Chi-cheun Assistant Legal Adviser 1	Concerns about relevant powers and authorities of the Subcommittee	
003603-003631	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung	Closing remarks	