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House Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 26th meeting held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex at 2:30 pm on Friday, 18 June 2021

Members present:

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP (Chairman)

Hon MA Fung-kwok, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP

Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, 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 Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP

Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS

Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP

Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS

Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP

Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP

Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP

Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP

Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, GBS, JP

Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH

Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP

Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP

Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP

Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH

Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP Dr Hon Pierre CHAN

Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP

Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP

Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH

Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP

Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai

Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP

Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS, JP

Members absent:

Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP

Clerk in attendance:

Miss Flora TAI Clerk to the House Committee

Staff in attendance:

Ms Dora WAI Acting Secretary General

Ms Connie FUNG Legal Adviser

Ms Anita SIT

Ms Miranda HON

Mr Matthew LOO

Mr Timothy TSO

Assistant Secretary General 1

Assistant Secretary General 3

Assistant Secretary General 4

Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1

Ms Clara TAM Acting Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2

Mr Bonny LOO

Ms Alice LEUNG

Mr Alvin CHUI

Ms Clara WONG

Miss Connie AU

Miss Connie AU

Mr Richard WONG

Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Senior Council Secretary (2)5

Senior Council Secretary (2)6

Miss Michelle TANG Council Secretary (2)5

Ms Anna CHEUNG Senior Legislative Assistant (2)3

Miss Meisy KWOK Legislative Assistant (2)5

I. Confirmation of minutes of meeting

Minutes of 25th meeting held on 11 June 2021

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1179/20-21)

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

Report by the Chairman on her meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration

- 2. The Chairman said that at her last meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration ("CS"), CS had expressed gratitude to the Subcommittee on Proposed Senior Judicial Appointment (Formed on 21 May 2021) for completing the deliberations on and unanimously supporting the proposed appointment of the Honourable Mr Justice Johnson LAM Man-hon as a permanent judge of the Court of Final Appeal at its meeting on 7 June 2021. The Administration intended to move a resolution at the Council meeting of 7 July 2021 to seek the Council's endorsement of the proposed appointment. CS had further advised that the Administration had planned to present a bill to the Council to amend the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382) as soon as possible after the Council had passed the new batch of proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure.
- 3. The Chairman invited Members to note that Mr Tony TSE had sent a letter to her last Friday (i.e. 11 June 2021) night requesting her to reflect to CS his concern about the quality of the discussion papers provided by the Administration and the replies given by government officials to questions raised by Members at various committee meetings recently. The Chairman advised that when she met with CS this Tuesday, she had reflected Mr TSE's concern to CS and also passed a copy of Mr TSE's letter to CS for follow-up. CS had indicated that he would follow up the matter.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 11 June 2021

(LC Paper No. LS80/20-21)

- 4. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>Legal Adviser</u> briefed Members on the report prepared by the Legal Service Division on four items of subsidiary legislation (i.e. L.N. 86 to L.N. 89) which were gazetted on 11 June 2021 and tabled in Council on 16 June 2021.
- 5. <u>Members</u> did not raise any questions on L.N. 86 to L.N. 89.
- 6. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for amending the above four items of subsidiary legislation would be the Council meeting of 14 July 2021.

IV. Further business for the Council meeting of 23 June 2021

(a) Laying of Papers on the Table of the Council

Report No. 20/20-21 of the House Committee on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments (*LC Paper No. CB*(2)1181/20-21)

- 7. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Report covered three items of subsidiary legislation and the period for amending them would expire at the Council meeting of 23 June 2021. No Member had indicated intention to speak on any of those items of subsidiary legislation.
- (b) Government Bills First Reading and Second Reading (debate to be adjourned)
 - 1. Ocean Park Corporation (Amendment) Bill 2021
 - 2. The Open University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Bill 2021
- 8. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the House Committee would consider the above two Bills at its meeting on 25 June 2021.

V. Business for the Council meeting of 30 June 2021

(a) Questions

(LC Paper No. CB(3)671/20-21)

- 9. <u>The Chairman</u> said that a list setting out the Members who had been allocated question slots for the meeting had already been issued to Members.
- (b) Government Bill First Reading and Second Reading (debate to be adjourned)
- 10. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.
- (c) Government Motion
- 11. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.

(d) Members' Motions

- 1. Motion on "Actively seizing the opportunities of the National 14th Five-Year Plan and striving for accession to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership" to be moved by Hon WONG Ting-kwong (LC Paper No. CB(3)677/20-21)
- 2. Motion on "Actively seizing the opportunities arising from the country's new development pattern featuring 'dual circulation' to revitalize the post-pandemic economy" to be moved by Hon Martin LIAO (LC Paper No. CB(3)678/20-21)
- 12. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the above two motions would be Wednesday, 23 June 2021.

VI. Reports of Bills Committees and subcommittees

(a) Report of the Bills Committee on Employment (Amendment) Bill 2021

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1182/20-21)

- 13. Mr WONG Ting-kwong, Chairman of the Bills Committee, briefed Members on the deliberations of the Bills Committee as detailed in its report. Mr WONG said that neither the Bills Committee nor the Administration would propose any amendments to the Bill. The Bills Committee, however, had noted that Mr WONG Kwok-kin, Ms Alice MAK, Mr KWOK Wai-keung, Mr POON Siu-ping and Mr LUK Chung-hung had indicated their respective intention to propose amendments to the Bill in respect of the pace and sequence of increasing the number of statutory holidays and that Mr POON Siu-ping had indicated his intention to propose another amendment to designate the Victory Day of the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression as a new statutory holiday.
- 14. <u>Mr WONG</u> informed Members that the Bills Committee raised no objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 7 July 2021.
- 15. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the above Bill would be Saturday, 26 June 2021.
- (b) Report of the Subcommittee on Proposed Senior Judicial Appointment (Formed on 21 May 2021)

(LC Paper No. CB(4)1112/20-21)

16. <u>Dr Priscilla LEUNG</u>, Chairman of the Subcommittee, briefed Members on the deliberations of the Subcommittee as detailed in its report. <u>Dr LEUNG</u> said that the Subcommittee unanimously supported the proposed appointment of the Honourable Mr Justice Johnson LAM Man-hon as a permanent judge of the Court of Final Appeal. <u>Members</u> noted that the Administration intended to move a resolution to seek the Council's endorsement of the proposed senior judicial appointment in accordance with Article 73(7) of the Basic Law at the Council meeting of 7 July 2021.

VII. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1180/20-21)

17. <u>The Chairman</u> said that as at 17 June 2021, there were five Bills Committees, six subcommittees under the House Committee and nine subcommittees on policy issues under Panels in action.

VIII. Any other business

18. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:44 pm.

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