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House Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 38th meeting held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex at 2:30 pm on Friday, 15 October 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, SBS, JP

Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP

Hon WONG Kwok-kin, GBS, JP

Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBM, GBS, JP

Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP

Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP

Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS, JP

Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP

Hon YIU Si-wing, SBS

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, GBS, 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 CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP

Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH, JP

Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP

Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS, JP

Members absent:

Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP

Clerk in attendance:

Miss Flora TAI Clerk to the House Committee

Staff in attendance:

Mr Kenneth CHEN, SBS Secretary General Ms Connie FUNG, SBS Legal Adviser

Ms Dora WAI Deputy Secretary General (Council and

Corporate Services)

Mr Timothy TSO
Principal Assistant Legal Adviser
Ms Anita SIT
Assistant Secretary General 1
Ms Miranda HON
Assistant Secretary General 3
Mr Matthew LOO
Assistant Secretary General 4

Ms Clara TAM Acting Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Miss Rachel DAI Acting Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Ms Alice LEUNG Chief Council Secretary (2)5
Mr Mark LAM Assistant Legal Adviser 7
Miss Connie AU Senior Council Secretary (2)5
Mr Richard WONG Senior Council Secretary (2)6

Miss Michelle TANG Council Secretary (2)5

Ms Anna CHEUNG Senior Legislative Assistant (2)3

Mr Arthur KAN Legislative Assistant (2)6

Opening remarks

The Chairman informed Members that she had to leave the meeting early due to an urgent official commitment and would invite the Deputy Chairman to chair the meeting on her behalf. She said that as this was the last House Committee ("HC") meeting in the current term of the Legislative Council ("LegCo"), she would like to take this opportunity to express her gratitude to all Members.

- 2. The Chairman further said that the current LegCo term had experienced many hardships and the operation of HC had also been seriously affected for some time. It was only until last year when the term of the Sixth LegCo had been extended that this Council had then started to get back on the right track. Hong Kong had entered a new era of restoring order from chaos after the implementation of the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the improvement of the electoral system. The Chairman also said that Members had been fully committed to the work of LegCo during the extended term of office. Administration had presented 39 bills to LegCo during the current session, which was the largest number of bills presented to LegCo within a session in the past 20 years. Members had been highly effective and efficient in scrutinizing the bills and the vast majority of the bills had already been passed by the Council.
- 3. The Chairman anticipated that the Seventh LegCo would embark on a new era as the number of Members would be increased to 90 and both the Rules of Procedure and the House Rules had already been comprehensively reviewed and amended. She hoped that all Members would continue to adopt a practical, realistic, rational and accommodating attitude in policy discussion, improve the relationship between the Executive Authorities and the Legislature, promote economic development and improve people's livelihood.
- 4. The Chairman added that she sincerely wished Members all the best and a better future no matter what roles they would assume. She also thanked staff members of the Secretariat and the Legal Service Division ("LSD") for the full support that they had rendered to HC during the current LegCo term.

(The Chairman left the meeting at this juncture and the Deputy Chairman took over the chair.)

I. Confirmation of minutes of meeting

Minutes of 37th meeting held on 24 September 2021

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1518/20-21)

5. The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

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

6. The Deputy Chairman said that the Chief Secretary for Administration had indicated at the last meeting held on 27 September 2021 that the tender document for the project on expansion of the LegCo Complex was expected to be issued before the end of this year as scheduled and that the fitting out works for the three floors of office space at CITIC Tower would be completed before the commencement of the Seventh LegCo.

III. Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 24 September 2021

(LC Paper No. LS125/20-21)

- 7. At the invitation of the Deputy Chairman, <u>Legal Adviser</u> briefed Members on the report prepared by LSD on the United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2021 (L.N. 229) which was gazetted on 24 September 2021. <u>Members</u> noted that the Amendment Regulation, which was made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537), was not required to be tabled in LegCo and was not subject to amendment by LegCo.
- 8. <u>Members</u> did not raise any questions on the Amendment Regulation.

IV. Business for the Council meeting of 20 October 2021

(a) <u>Questions</u> (LC Paper No. CB(3)1056/20-21)

9. <u>The Deputy Chairman</u> said that the President had directed that the items originally scheduled for the Council meeting of 13 October 2021,

including questions, would be dealt with at the Council meeting of 20 October 2021.

(b) Government Bills - Second Reading (debate to resume), consideration by committee of the whole Council and Third Reading

(Items 1 to 3 standing over from the meeting of 13 October 2021)

- 1. Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2021
- 2. Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021
- 3. Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill 2021
- 4. Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019
- 5. Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2021
- 6. Financial Reporting Council (Amendment) Bill 2021
- 10. <u>The Deputy Chairman</u> said that the Second Reading debates on the above six Bills would be resumed at the meeting.
- (c) <u>Members' Motions</u>
 - 1. Proposed resolution under Article 75 of the Basic Law to amend the Rules of Procedure to be moved by Hon Paul TSE

(LC Paper No. CB(3)1073/20-21)

(Items 2 and 3 standing over from the meeting of 13 October 2021)

2. Motion on "Seizing the opportunities from the Plan for Comprehensive Deepening Reform and Opening Up of the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone" to be moved by Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LC Paper No. CB(3)1024/20-21)

- 3. Motion on "Following the practice of the country to adhere to the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" to be moved by Hon Mrs Regina IP (LC Paper No. CB(3)1020/20-21)
- 11. <u>The Deputy Chairman</u> said that the above three proposed resolution/motions would be dealt with at the meeting. He invited Members to note that the President had directed that if the meeting was to be resumed at 9:00 am on 22 October 2021, it would be adjourned after the proposed resolution under Article 75 of the Basic Law had been dealt with or at around 2:00 pm.

V. Business for the Council meeting of 27 October 2021

(a) Questions

12. <u>The Deputy Chairman</u> said that the questions approved by the President to be asked at the meeting would be issued to Members later.

(b) Member's Motion

Valedictory Motion to be moved by Hon Starry LEE (LC Paper No. CB(3)1025/20-21)

13. <u>The Deputy Chairman</u> said that the above motion would be dealt with at the meeting.

VI. Reports of Bills Committees and subcommittees

Report of the Bills Committee on Film Censorship (Amendment) Bill 2021

(LC Paper No. CB(1)1413/20-21)

14. <u>The Deputy Chairman</u>, in the capacity of the chairman of the Bills Committee, briefed Members on the deliberations of the Bills Committee as detailed in its report. <u>Members</u> noted that neither the Bills Committee nor the Administration intended to propose amendments to the Bill and that the Bills Committee supported the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 27 October 2021.

15. <u>The Deputy Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the above Bill would be Monday, 18 October 2021.

VII. Any other business

- 16. <u>The Deputy Chairman</u> said that during the current LegCo term, HC had once been the main battleground of political struggles and there were many disputes and scenes of physical confrontations. He thanked Members and particularly the Secretariat for their support.
- 17. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:39 pm.

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