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Panel on Manpower

**Subcommittee to Study the Setting Up of
an Unemployment Assistance System in Hong Kong**

**Minutes of first meeting
held on Thursday, 7 January 2021, at 2:00 pm
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** : Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP (Chairman)
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH
Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
- Member absent** : Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
- Clerk in attendance** : Miss Betty MA
Chief Council Secretary (2) 1
- Staff in attendance** : Ms Rita LAI
Senior Council Secretary (2) 1
- Ms Priscilla LAU
Council Secretary (2) 1
- Ms Kiwi NG
Legislative Assistant (2) 1
- Miss Lulu YEUNG
Clerical Assistant (2) 1
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I. Election of Chairman (and Deputy Chairman)

Mr LUK Chung-hung and Mr Vincent CHENG were elected Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee respectively.

II. Meeting arrangements and items for discussion

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

3. With reference to the work plan of the Subcommittee endorsed by the Panel on Manpower, members agreed that the Subcommittee should discuss the following issues:

- (a) review of the calculation method of unemployment rate, the current and anticipated future employment and wage situations of local employees;
- (b) anti-epidemic measures to be implemented by the Government to restore the economy and ease the unemployment situation;
- (c) review of the existing unemployment assistance measures and related supporting policies in Hong Kong;
- (d) reports of research studies on the unemployment assistance measures in Hong Kong;
- (e) implications of an unemployment assistance system for society, the economy and people's livelihood; and
- (f) studying the setting up of a targeted unemployment assistance system in Hong Kong and the provision of time-limited/short term unemployment subsidy in the midst of the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and make recommendations.

III. Any other business

4. The Chairman said that the Clerk would liaise with the Administration on the arrangements for the next meeting and members would be informed of the details in due course.
5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:10 pm.

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Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s) / Discussion	Action Required
<i>Agenda item I – Election of Chairman (and Deputy Chairman)</i>			
000413 - 000549	Mr KWOK Wai-keung Mr SHIU Ka-fai Mr Vincent CHENG Mr LUK Chung-hung	Election of Chairman	
000550 - 000630	Chairman Mr POON Siu-ping Mr KWOK Wai-keung Mr Vincent CHENG	Election of Deputy Chairman	
<i>Agenda item II – Meeting arrangements and items for discussion</i>			
000631 - 001400	Chairman Deputy Chairman Mr KWOK Wai-keung Mr Wilson OR Mr POON Siu-ping	The Chairman invited members' views on issues for discussion by the Subcommittee.	
<i>Agenda item III – Any other business</i>			
001401 - 001425	Chairman	Closing remarks	