



**Report on Legislative Council for HKIA Council Meeting from the
Office of Hon. Dr. Edward Yiu Chung-yim
5 March 2017 to 18 Apr 2017**

A. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHT

Question

22 Mar 2017 - Air pollution in Hong Kong

- The Environmental Protection Department ("EPD") has indicated earlier that days with high-level air pollution (i.e. the days on which the Air Quality Health Index reaching 8 or above) were seen in 11 months of 2016. Also, over 80% of such days of high-level air pollution were caused by pollutants brought by tropical cyclones and from the Pearl River Delta Region. Some environmentalists have pointed out that such a remark indicates that the authorities have overlooked the responsibility to reduce the local sources of air pollution.
- This Question was asked to obtain data from the Government, please find the details at: http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/counmtg/agenda/cm20170322.htm#q_11

29 Mar 2017 – Renewal of land leases

- For lands under multiple ownerships with the owners concerned failing to unanimously agree on the lease renewal arrangement, the Government will, upon the expiry of the current lease, grant a new lease to the Financial Secretary Incorporated ("FSI"), and FSI will, upon the reaching of a formal agreement between the Government and the registered owners of individual properties, transfer the undivided shares allocated to such properties to the registered owners concerned. Some minority owners of residential buildings under multiple ownerships have expressed worries that their rights and interests will be undermined as a result of the prolonged delay of the Government in commencing the land lease renewal procedure for their properties.
- Please refer to the link for details: http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/counmtg/agenda/cm20170329.htm#q_12

B. PANELS & SUBCOMMITTEES

Panel on Development

Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project

Panel on Environmental Affairs

Vice - President in the Subcommittee on Refuse Collection and Resource Recovery

Panel on Transport

Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

Panel on Economic Development

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Panel on Financial Affairs

Panel on Housing

Panel on Commerce and Industry

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Panel on Home Affairs

C. HOUSE COMMITTEE & SUBCOMMITTEES

Finance Committee (Raised proposal with Eddie Chu Hoi-dick to remove controversial projects from a bloc of 9,000 government funding requests - denied by the chairman)

- Establishment Subcommittee
- Public Works Subcommittee

Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee

Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation

In Action

- Subcommittee on Banking (Disclosure) (Amendment) Rules 2016 and Banking (Specification of Class of Exempted Charges) (Amendment) Notice 2016
- Subcommittee on Construction Workers Registration (Exemption) Regulation and Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 1A) Notice 2016

Work Completed

- Subcommittee on Inland Revenue Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 17E) Notice 2016
- Subcommittee on Marine Parks (Designation) (Amendment) Order 2016

Other Subcommittees

- Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Relating to the Three-runway System at the Hong Kong International Airport
- Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Bazaars

D. BILL COMMITTEES IN ACTION

Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 2016

- Amend to clarify that disputes over intellectual property rights may be arbitrated and that it is not contrary to the public policy of Hong Kong to enforce arbitral awards involving intellectual property rights
- To update the Arbitration (Parties to New York Convention) Order
- Details: <http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/bills/b201612021.pdf>

Arbitration and Mediation Legislation (Third Party Funding) (Amendment) Bill 2016

- Amend the Arbitration Ordinance and the Mediation Ordinance to



ensure that third party funding of arbitration and mediation is not prohibited by the common law doctrines of maintenance and champerty; and to provide for related measures and safeguards.

- Details: <http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/bills/b201612301.pdf>

Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2017

- Amend the Stamp Duty Ordinance to introduce a new flat rate for the ad valorem stamp duty payable on certain instruments dealing with residential property; and to provide for related matters.
- Details: <http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/bills/b201701272.pdf>

Apology Bill

- Provide for the effect of apologies in certain proceedings and legal matters.
- Details: <http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/bills/b201701271.pdf>

E. ACTIVITIES

Research Study - Overbudget of Construction Costs

Conducted a research on the overbudget of construction costs

- A press conference was held on Mar 28 to launch the research report
- Will raise a Question and Member's Motion based on the recommendation of the study result
- Full report: <https://goo.gl/qOSQpC>

Collaboration with other LegCo members and Groups

20 Mar 2017 - Coordination of EC voting from the D300+ group

Urban and Rural Co-existence - Planning and Design competition in Wang Chau

Co-organized with Hon CHU Hoi-dick office, with objective to raise the public awareness on the issue

Wang Chau

31 Mar 2017 - Attended a consultation meeting with the residents and government official considering the phase 1 public housing

Tuen Mun River

30 March - Attended a press conference for the exhibition hosted by Hulu, regarding the creative use of the Tuen Mun River

2030+ alternative proposal

6 Apr 2017 - Organizing an alternative proposal by coordinating articles from scholars and collecting opinion from the public

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Dragon Boat Experience Day

15 Apr 2017 – Participants included district councilor (Paul Zimmerman), scholar (Professor Murat Es), architects and students. The purpose is to observe the accessibility of water-transportation facilities.

Public Education - EYCPD

8 Mar 2017 – 2030+ Series: Infrastructure and Hong Kong

15 Mar 2017 – 2030+ Series: Livable City

20 Mar 2017 – 2030+ Series: East Lantau Metropolis: Is it necessary? Is 2030+ misleading the public?

Publications and Media Activities

2017-03-08 信報財經新聞 - 地積比轉移

2017-03-16 信報財經新聞 - 如何預防工程超支

2017-03-28 信報財經新聞 - 工程造价 升幅放緩

Every Wednesdays at 8:00pm: Co-host D100 Radio Programme 《反官商鄉黑事件簿》

Every Fridays at 8:00pm: Co-host D100 Radio Programme 《專業議政》

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