Revised Minutes of the 134th Meeting of the Hong Kong Productivity Council

held at 2:30p.m. on Wednesday, 29 March 2017 in the Board Room

2nd floor, HKPC Building, 78 Tat Chee Avenue, Yau Yat Chuen, Kowloon

Present: Chairman – Mr. Willy Lin Sun-mo, SBS, JP
Members – Prof. John Chai Yat-chiu, JP
           Mr. Alan Cheung
           Ms. Annie Choi Suk-han, JP (Commissioner for Innovation and Technology)
           Mr. Felix Chow Bok-hin
           Mr. Wilson Fung Ying-wai
           Mr. Steven Ho (Acting Principal Economist)
           Ms. Mandy Kwok Man-yee
           Miss Lam Kam-yi
           Ms. Amy Lee Sau-king
           Dr. Delman Lee
           Mr. Leung Kwong-chuen
           Mr. Li Hoi
           Miss Mabel Li, JP (Deputy Commissioner for Labour)
           Dr. Dennis Ng Wang-pun, BBS, MH
           Mrs. Millie Ng Kiang Mei-nei (Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Technology)
           Mr. Mike Ng (Acting Assistant Director-General of Trade and Industry)
           Prof. Tam Kar-yan
           Mr. Sunny Tan
           Mr. Patrick Wong Chi-kwong
           Mrs. Carrie Yau Tsang Ka-lai, GBS, JP
           Ms. Karmen Yeung Ka-yin
           Mr. Emil Yu Chen-on

In Attendance from the Innovation and Technology Commission:
Mr. Bryan Ha Kwok-fung

In Attendance from HKPC:
Mrs. Agnes Mak Tang Pik-yee, MH, JP  Executive Director
Dr. Lawrence Cheung  Director, Technology Development
Mr. Tony Lam  Director, Corporate Services
Mr. Gordon Lo  Director, Business Management
Mr. Jonathan Ho  General Manager, Corporate Communication and Marketing
Ms. Flora Li  General Manager, Human Resources and Administration (Item IV only)
Mr. Alfonso Tam  Chief Manager, Council Secretariat
Ms. Gillian Luk  Senior Manager, Council Secretariat

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Ms. Mandy Kwok Man-yee, Prof. Tam Kar-yan, Mrs. Carrie Yau Tsang Ka-lai, GBS, JP, Ms. Karmen Yeung Ka-yin, Mr. Emil Yu Chen-on, Miss Mabel Li, JP, Mrs. Millie Ng Kiang Mei-nei representing Mr. Cheuk Wing-hing, JP, Mr. Mike Ng representing Ms. Salina Yan Mei-mei, JP, and Mr. Steven Ho representing Mrs. Helen Chan, JP who attended the meeting for the first time.

I. Confirmation of Minutes (P.C. 39/2016 Revised)

The Revised Minutes of the 133rd Council Meeting held on 30 November 2016 had been circulated to Members and there were no further requests for amendments. The Revised Minutes of the meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

II. Matters Arising

(A) Collaboration with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) on Hong Kong Innovation Node

1. Invited by the Chairman, said that the Council noted by circulation of paper on 1 March 2017 the collaboration with MIT Hong Kong Innovation Node (“the Node”) to establish a centre (“the Centre”) in the HKPC Building, following the approval obtained from the Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) on 8 March 2017 on the underletting arrangement in accordance with the Special Conditions of the land grant of the HKPC Building. HKPC signed the collaboration agreement with the Node on 10 March 2017.

(B) Inno Space

2. Invited by the Chairman, briefed Members on the setting up of Inno Space in the HKPC Building, as announced in the 2017 Policy Address and the 2017-18 Budget, to expand the start-up culture in Hong Kong and support re-industrialization. After visits to similar set ups locally (e.g. Smart Space at Cyberport, Makerbay, Lion Rock 72 at HKSTP) and overseas (e.g. Finland
Hackerspace, MIT, Cambridge Innovation Centre) to understand their operations, HKPC would pursue the following 4-C objectives for Inno Space:

(a) Complete – to offer a complete service from idea to industry (i2i service);
(b) Complement – to maximize HKPC’s strengths to complement other makerspace set ups;
(c) Connect – to connect and build a new eco-system for start-ups and entrepreneurs; and
(d) Community – to build a community in support of the reindustrialization in Hong Kong.

3. said that, in terms of operation, there would be three key areas, namely: Inno-Idea, Inno-Prototype and Inno-Network. A formal proposal would be submitted to the ITC shortly and reports on progress of Inno Space (as well as MIT Node) would be submitted to the Business Development Committee (BDC).

4. In reply to , said that Inno Space would not be a new competitor to the scene because its role was to complement the work of similar set ups and to facilitate the building up of a community for the pursuance of the 4-C objectives stated above. This was clearly explained during the visits to the various makerspace set ups and we had been positively impressed by their support of this new initiative. said that what Inno Space would offer was essentially last mile support to start-ups and entrepreneurs to enable them to grow from prototyping to small batch and then volume production of their products.

(C) HKPC 50th Anniversary Commemorative Programmes

5. Invited by the Chairman, said that the commemorative programmes for the 50th anniversary was officially kicked off with the launch cocktail cum spring reception on 14 February 2017. As flagship events of the commemorative programmes, two conferences would be held in September 2017, namely, an international conference on “Smart Future: A Global Perspective” (21 September 2017) featuring world leading experts and academics on the global trends, latest technologies and implementation experience of smart city and smart industry, and 第十一屆寰宇生產力論壇 (23 September 2017).

6. said that these were high-profile conferences and urged Members not to miss these heavy weight conferences.
V. Progress Report from the Audit Committee (P.C. 5/2017)

18. Members noted the report from the Audit Committee on matters considered at its 41st meeting held on 16 March 2017.

VI. Progress Report from the Business Development Committee (P.C. 6/2017)

21. Members noted the report from the Business Development Committee on matters considered at its 62nd meeting held on 14 March 2017.

VII. Progress Report from the Finance Committee (P.C. 7/2017)

22. Members noted the report from the Finance Committee on matters considered at its 59th meeting held on 21 March 2017.

VIII. Progress Report from the Staffing Committee (P.C. 8/2017)

23. Members noted the report from the Staffing Committee on matters considered at its 56th meeting held on 14 March 2017.

IX. Any Other Business

(B) Attendance Record of Council Members

25. Members noted their attendance record in 2016 tabled at the meeting.

X. Date of Next Meeting

26. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled on 26 July 2017 at 2:30pm.