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**BDC 14/2021 (Revised)**

**Revised Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
the Business Development Committee of  
the Hong Kong Productivity Council  
held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 July 2021 in  
the Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, HKPC Building, 78 Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon**

**Present:** Chairman – Mr. Emil Yu Chen-on, JP

Members – Mr. Mohamed D. Butt, MH  
Mr. Bryant Chan Wan-sing\*  
Mr. Steve Chuang Tzu-hsiung\*  
Mr. Paul Poon Wai-yin  
Prof. Tam Kar-yan, MH, JP\*  
Mr. Indiana Wong Man-chung\*  
(Assistant Commissioner for Innovation  
and Technology (Funding Schemes),  
representing Ms. Rebecca Pun, JP,  
Commissioner for Innovation and  
Technology)\*

**Absent with Apologies:** Ms. Clara Chan Yuen-shan, MH

**In Attendance from HKPC:**

Dr. Lawrence Cheung	Chief Innovation Officer
Mr. Edmond Lai	Chief Digital Officer
Ms. Vivian Lin	Chief Operating Officer, Funding Schemes
Ms. Eliza Ng	Chief People and Culture Officer
Ms. Christina Cheung	Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Gillian Luk	Senior Manager, Council Secretariat
Ms. Olivia Poon	Manager, Council Secretariat

**Special Arrangement for the Meeting**

The Chairman said that in light of the pandemic situation, the meeting was held in a hybrid mode with some Members joining via Microsoft Teams application. He thanked Members for joining the meeting and their support of the special arrangement.

\*attendance via Microsoft Teams application

## **Congratulations**

The Chairman congratulated Prof. Tam Kar-yan and Mr. Mohamed D. Butt, Executive Director (ED) for being respectively appointed Justice of Peace (JP) and awarded Medal of Honour (MH) in the 2021 Honours List announced by the Government on 1 July 2021.

## **Declaration of Interest**

The Chairman reminded Members to make declaration before the meeting should they observe any direct/pecuniary interest in any matter to be discussed at the meeting.

### **I. Confirmation of Minutes (BDC 7/2021 Revised)**

1. The Revised Draft Minutes of the 74<sup>th</sup> Business Development Committee (BDC) meeting held on 16 March 2021 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. Three-year Strategic Plan of HKPC for 2022/23 - 2024/25 (BDC 8/2021)**

2. Invited by the Chairman, briefed Members on the Three-year Strategic Plan for 2022/23-2024/25 (Strategic Plan). said that the Strategic Plan was anchored on the new strategic framework for HKPC approved by the Council at its 146<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24 March 2021. The new strategic framework, compiled further to the Voice of Industry consultation exercise in October 2020 – January 2021, comprised the revised vision and mission statements and core values for HKPC, continuation of a 3-pronged strategy approved by the Council in 2016 and the HKPC Game Plan approved by the Council at its 146<sup>th</sup> meeting. The framework also took into account of the National 14<sup>th</sup> Five-year Plan and the Government's policy direction towards Hong Kong's development into an international innovation and technology hub and further integration with the Greater Bay Area (GBA). Subject to the Council's support, the Strategic Plan would be reflected in the Programme and Estimates for 2022/23 to be submitted to the Council for consideration in November 2021.

3. After discussion, Members agreed to recommend for the Council's approval the Three-year Strategic Plan of HKPC for 2022/23-2024/25 as outlined at Appendix 2 of the paper.

### **III. Report on HKPC's Mainland Subsidiaries and Greater Bay Area Strategy Implementation Plan (BDC 9/2021)**

4. introduced the paper and briefed Members on the business progress of HKPC's related entities in the Mainland along the 3 foci of HKPC's GBA strategy supported by the Council at its 146<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24 March 2021. also reported the implementation plan to take forward the GBA strategy to promote Hong Kong's integration into the GBA and increase HKPC's presence in the region.

5. Continuing with presentation, reported the latest developments in HKPC's Mainland business .

6. After discussion, Members noted the business progress of HKPC's Mainland entities from October 2020 to June 2021 and the GBA strategy implementation plan as outlined in the paper.

### **IV. 2020/21 Annual Report on Secretariat Projects and Special Projects (BDC 10/2021)**

14. Members received a presentation by on HKPC's involvement in 11 secretariat projects and a special project in support of Government policies, namely the SME ReachOut programme, in 2020/21.

15. Members noted the update.

### **V. Report on Commercial Research and Development (CRD) (BDC 11/2021)**

17. Members noted the report by about the implementation and commercialization progress of projects supported by the Corporate CRD Fund (the Fund) as of 31 May 2021, as well as enhancement to the Fund in September 2020 to support trial of project results to pave the way for industry uptake through licensing and application in consultancy projects.

18. said that in response to industry request to deep dive into HKPC's technologies for better understanding about their potential applications, HKPC had been regularly holding TechDive briefing sessions on industry basis for focused promotion of commercialisation-ready solutions to SMEs with similar needs. Coupled with the development of homegrown technologies with potential for cross-sectoral applications, HKPC was able to serve the industry both in depth and breadth in support of industry transformation and upgrading.

**VI. Report on Projects for Government Funding Schemes (February – May 2021) (BDC 12/2021)**

19. Members noted report that between February and May 2021, 11 projects with HKPC's involvement were approved for \$22M under government funding schemes as follows:

- (a) Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF): 10 approved projects for \$19.7M; and
- (b) Trade and Industrial Organisation Support Fund (TSF): 1 approved project for \$2.3M.

**VII. Final Performance Review of Completed ITF Projects (BDC 13/2021)**

21. Members noted the final performance review of 5 completed ITF projects, as follows:

- (a) Development of a Turnkey Solution with Novel Two-photon Polymerisation Technology on Micro-optics and Micro-components Fabrication for Smart Products Development;
- (b) Electrically-Assisted Free Forming (EAFF) Technology for Customisation of Sheet Metal Parts;
- (c) Development of Supersonic Jet Printing (SJP) Technology for Cost-effective and Rapid Production of Customised Metal Parts;
- (d) Development of Sandwich Hybrid Metal-Plastic/Fiber Sheet Forming for Lightweight and Shock Absorbing Auto Parts Making; and
- (e) Design and Development of an Intelligent Automation System Enabling Fast Customisation Shoe-making.

## **VIII. Any Other Business**

### **(A) Re-industrialisation Update**

23. said that HKPC had actively participated in the Re-industrialisation Funding Scheme (RFS) of the ITF by supporting industry partners to apply for the scheme.

24. said that re-industrialisation was one of the strategic foci of HKPC and efforts had been devoted to building project pipeline for execution in the time ahead to sustain industry interest and the momentum built. To attract industry participation in the RFS, HKPC had undertaken to promote the scheme in radio interviews and news articles in the hope that more companies would make use of the Government funding support to migrate to high value manufacturing. The signature event 2022 Foresight to be held in December 2021 would feature re-industrialisation as a recurring theme.

### **(B) Update on Collaboration with Tsinghua University to Set up 香港智能 自動化技術應用聯合實驗室**

25. Members noted the powerpoint presentation by on the progress of HKPC's collaboration with Tsinghua University to establish a smart automation technology application research centre in Hong Kong.

### **(C) Report on Inno Space**

26. Members received a presentation by (Appendix 1) on the business progress of Inno Space in 2020/21 under 3 focus areas as follows:

- (a) start-ups support ;
- (b) serving as a STEM hub to promote TechEd (technical and technology education) and nurture homegrown technology talents ; and
- (c) comprehensive STEM education services to schools and universities .

27. Members also noted the financial position of Inno Space for 2020/21 and the first 2 months of 2021/22.

**(E) Attendance Record**

30. Members noted their attendance record for 2021 as circulated together with the meeting agenda and papers by email on 13 July 2021 and shown at the meeting. Members were reminded by the Chairman to attend future meetings as far as possible.

**IX. Date of Next Meeting**

31. It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to be held on 16 November 2021 at 3 p.m. tentatively.

32. There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 4:22 p.m.