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BDC 5/2023

**Minutes of the 80th Meeting of the Business Development Committee
of the Hong Kong Productivity Council
held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 March 2023 in
Theatre 2, 1st Floor, HKPC Building,
78 Tat Chee Avenue, Yau Yat Chuen, Kowloon**

Present: Chairman – Mr. Ricky Chan Wai-chung

Members – Mr. Mohamed D. Butt, MH
Mr. Bryant Chan Wan-sing
Ms. Clara Chan Yuen-shan, MH
Ir Paul Poon Wai-yin
Prof. Matthew Lee Kwok-on*
Mr. Indiana Wong Man-chung
(Assistant Commissioner for Innovation and
Technology (Funding Schemes), representing
Ms. Rebecca Pun, JP, Commissioner for
Innovation and Technology)*
Mr. Emil Yu Chen-on, BBS, JP

In Attendance from Innovation and Technology Commission:

Mr. Gordon Cheung Ka-wong* Senior Manager (Innovation and Technology Fund)

In Attendance from HKPC:

Dr. Lawrence Cheung	Chief Innovation Officer
Mr. Edmond Lai	Chief Digital Officer
Ms. Vivian Lin	Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Eliza Ng	Chief People and Culture Officer
Ms. Christina Cheung	Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Ray Ko	Chief Compliance Officer (Agenda Item VI(B) only)
Ms. Gillian Luk	Head, Council Secretariat
Ms. Olivia Poon	Manager, Council Secretariat

*attendance via Microsoft Teams application

Welcome to New Chairman

Mr. Mohamed D. Butt, Executive Director (ED) welcomed Mr. Ricky Chan Wai-chung as the new Chairman of the Business Development Committee (BDC). He also thanked Mr. Emil Yu Chen-on for leading the committee as Chairman from 2018 to 2022 and continuing to serve on the committee as Member from January 2023.

Mode of Meeting

The Chairman said that the meeting was held in person with 2 Members joining via Microsoft Teams. He thanked Members for attending the meeting. He also thanked the Council for the trust placed in him and looked forward to Members' continued support to the BDC in the time ahead to support HKPC's work in promoting new industrialisation in Hong Kong.

Welcome to New Member

The Chairman welcomed Prof. Matthew Lee Kwok-on who attended the meeting for the first time.

Vote of Appreciation

The Chairman suggested, and Members agreed, to record a vote of appreciation to Prof. Tam Kar-yun for his contribution during his tenure as Member.

Declaration of Interest

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

I. Confirmation of Minutes (BDC 23/2022 Revised)

1. The Revised Draft Minutes of the 79th BDC meeting held on 15 November 2022 had been circulated to Members and there were no further requests for amendments. The Minutes of the meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

II. Annual Report on Special Project “SME ReachOut” for 2022 (BDC 1/2023)

2. Invited by the Chairman, briefed Members on the SME ReachOut project in 2022, under which a dedicated team rendered focused support to help SMEs identify suitable Government funding schemes.

5. Members noted the update.

III. 2023/24 Annual Plan and 2022/23 Annual Report of Automotive Platforms and Application Systems R&D Centre (BDC 2/2023)

6. Members noted a presentation by on the 2023/24 Annual Plan and 2022/23 Annual Report of the Automotive Platforms and Application Systems R&D Centre (APAS) for submission to the Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC), in line with the funding agreement with the Government for APAS.

7. Members noted the 2023/24 Annual Plan and 2022/23 Annual Report of APAS.

IV. Report on Proposals for Government Funding Schemes (April 2022 – January 2023) (BDC 3/2023)

14. Members noted that between April 2022 and January 2023, 22 proposals with HKPC’s involvement had been approved under 3 government funding schemes, as presented by . The 22 proposals included:

(a) Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF): 11 approved projects for \$16.8M;

- (b) Trade and Industrial Organisation Support Fund (TSF): 10 approved projects for \$19.8M; and
- (c) Green Tech Fund: 1 approved project for \$2.9M.

V. Final Performance Review of Completed Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF) Projects (BDC 4/2023)

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

- (a) Trial: Development of Innovative 3D Metal Printing Technology - Hybrid Laser Energy Deposition and Milling (HLEDMM);
- (b) Development of a Real-Time Data-Driven Process Analytical Technology (PAT) based Novel System for Digitalization and Smartification of Sodium Aescinate Pharmaceutical Manufacturing;
- (c) Development of Thermal Management System for Stability and Life Enhancement of Electric Car Battery with the Use of High Heat Capacity Phase Change Materials (PCMs);
- (d) Trial: Laser-Assisted Progressive Forming (LAPF) Process for Fabrication of High Strength and Lightweight Automotive Parts; and
- (e) Advanced Method of Catalytic Layer Fabrication for Reducing Platinum Loading in Fuel Cell for Automotive Application.

VI. Any Other Business

(C) 2022/23 KPI Performance

19. took Members through the performance of the 19 KPIs in the first 10 months of 2022/23.

20. Members noted the update.

(D) Updating of HKPC Game Plan Further to the Government’s Innovation and Technology Development Blueprint and New Industrialisation Policy

21. Members received a presentation by _____ that further to the Government’s Innovation and Technology Development Blueprint (the Blueprint), HKPC’s Game Plan in the Three-year Strategic Plan for 2023/24-2025/26 approved by the Council at its 150th meeting held in July 2022 would be updated, with 1 of the 6 key development areas to be renamed as “New Industrialisation – Made in Hong Kong” from “Re-industrialisation - Made in Hong Kong”.

24. Members noted the update.

(F) Update on BIZ Expands Easy (BEE) Funding Portal

26. Members received a presentation by _____ about the latest developments of the BEE funding portal which was launched in September 2022 as a one-stop integrated platform consolidating information of various government funding schemes for ease of access by SMEs.

(G) Kam Fan Awards 2022 (金帆廣告大獎)

27. Members noted the update by _____ that the branding video of HKPC “Innovation Never Stops” obtained a Bronze Award at the Kam Fan Awards 2022. The recognition was a testimonial to HKPC’s creative energy in its marketing efforts to enhance public awareness of its unique position as the last mile accelerator to put innovation into practice.

(H) Appointment of Mentor for ITF Project

28. Members agreed to appoint _____ as the mentor of an on-going ITF project, namely “Study Key Technologies of Dim Small Defects Identification of Typical Power Grid Equipment Based on Few-shot Learning in the Federated Learning Framework”, in replacement of ex-Council Member, _____.

(I) Attendance Record

29. Members noted their attendance record for 2022 as circulated together with the meeting agenda and papers by email on 7 March 2023 and shown

at the meeting. The Chairman reminded Members to try their best to attend future meetings.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

30. Members noted that the next meeting would tentatively be held on 4 July 2023 at 3:00 pm.

31. There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 5:00 pm.