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P.C. 13/2023 (Revised)

Revised Minutes of the 152nd Meeting of the Hong Kong Productivity Council held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 30 March 2023 in Theatre 2, 1st floor, HKPC Building, 78 Tat Chee Avenue, Yau Yat Chuen, Kowloon

Present: Chairman – Hon. Sunny Tan

Members – Mr. Bryant Chan Wan-sing

Ms. Clara Chan Yuen-shan, MH*

Mr. Ricky Chan Wai-chung* Mr. Brian Cheng Ho-wai

Mr. Raymond Ho Kam-biu, JP (Deputy Commissioner

for Labour)

Mr. Marvin Hsu Tsun-fai, JP Mr. Geoffrey Edward Kao

Dr. Cecilia Lam Kwok-ying (representing Mr. Adolph

Leung Wing-sing, JP, Government Economist)

Ms. Vivien Lau Man-yee Prof. Matthew Lee Kwok-on

Ms. Juan Leung Chung-yan, MH

Mr. Eddie Mak Tak-wai, JP (Permanent Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry)*

Mr. Bernard Poon Che-wai

Ir Paul Poon Wai-vin

Ms. Rebecca Pun Ting-ting, JP (Commissioner for Innovation and Technology)

Ms. Frankie Tam Wing-see

Mr. Donald Tong Chi-keung, GBS

Ms. Maggie Wong Siu-chu, JP (Director-General of Trade and Industry)

Ms. Jennifer Yeung Yin-chi*

Mr. Emil Yu Chen-on, BBS, JP

Ms. Zhang Li*

Absent with Apologies: Ms. Jenny Tam Kam-lin

In Attendance from the Innovation and Technology Commission:

Mr. Indiana Wong Man- Assistant Commissioner for Innovation and

chung Technology (Funding Schemes)

Mr. Gordon Cheung Ka- Senior Manager (Innovation and Technology

wong* Fund)

^{*}attendance via Microsoft Teams application

In Attendance from HKPC:

Mr. Mohamed D. Butt, MH Executive Director

Dr. Lawrence Cheung
Mr. Edmond Lai
Ms. Vivian Lin
Chief Innovation Officer
Chief Digital Officer
Chief Operating Officer

Ms. Eliza Ng Chief People and Culture Officer

Ms. Christina Cheung
Mr. Ray Ko
Ms. Gillian Luk
Ms. Olivia Poon
Chief Financial Officer
Chief Compliance Officer
Head, Council Secretariat
Manager, Council Secretariat

Safety Video

A safety video was shown to Members about the safety measures in the HKPC Building.

Mode of Meeting

The Chairman said that the Council meeting was held physically in HKPC with 5 Members joining the meeting via Microsoft Teams application. He thanked Members for joining the meeting.

Welcome to New Members

<u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Mr. Geoffrey Edward Kao, Prof. Matthew Lee Kwokon, Ms. Frankie Tam Wing-see, Ms. Jennifer Yeung Yin-chi and Ms. Zhang Li who attended the meeting for the first time.

Vote of Appreciation to Former Council Members

<u>The Chairman</u> suggested, and Members agreed, to record a vote of appreciation to former Deputy Chairman, Mr. Patrick Wong Chi-kwong, and former Members Ms. Mandy Kwok Man-yee, Prof. Tam Kar-yan and Ms. Karmen Yeung Ka-yin for their contribution during their tenure in the Council.

Declaration of Interest

<u>The Chairman</u> 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 (P.C. 42/2022 Revised)

1. The Revised Draft Minutes of the 151st Council Meeting held on 2 December 2022 had been circulated to Members and there were no further requests for amendments. The Revised Draft Minutes of the meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

II. Matters Arising

(A) Paper Circulations Since Last Meeting

2. reported 3 paper circulations to Members since the last Council meeting held on 2 December 2022.

(C) <u>Update on BIZ Expands Easy (BEE) Funding Portal</u>

- 10. informed Members that:
- (a) the BEE funding portal, launched in September 2022 as a one-stop integrated platform consolidating information of various Government funding schemes for ease of access by SMEs, had attracted more than 200K views;
- (b) the number of funding schemes on the portal had increased to 20, of which 9¹ were newly added in the past 3 months, thanks to the support of ITC, Trade and Industry Department (TID) and Development Bureau;
- (c) the portal contained a "BEE ePass" service to facilitate enterprises to apply for Government funding schemes with HKPC as secretariat from a single account; and

¹ The 9 funding schemes newly added to the BEE funding portal are:

⁽i) Reindustrialisation and Technology Training Programme

⁽ii) Enterprise Support Scheme

⁽iii) Public Sector Trial Scheme for Incubatees & Graduate Tenants of Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks
Corporation and Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited

⁽iv) Public Sector Trial Scheme for Technology Companies Conducting Research and Development (R&D) Activities in Hong Kong

⁽v) Research Talent Hub for Incubatees and I&T Tenants of the HKSTPC and the Cyberport

⁽vi) Research Talent Hub for Technology Companies Conducting R&D Activities in Hong Kong

⁽vii) SME Export Marketing Fund

⁽viii) Trade and Industrial Organisation Support Fund

⁽ix) Construction Innovation and Technology Fund.

- (d) a mobile App, with the functions of consultation booking and real-time application status checking, was rolled out in March 2023 to enhance the customer experience of funding applicants.
- 12. Members noted the update.

(D) Topic Sharing for Council Members

13. <u>Members</u> noted the report by that further to an online survey with Council Members in December 2022-January 2023 on their topics of interest, 4 sharing sessions had been arranged in February – March 2023 to brief Members on compliance and anti-discrimination laws in Hong Kong, ChatGPT and Environmental, Social and Governance. Another 2 sharing sessions on cybersecurity and personal data privacy in Hong Kong were tentatively scheduled for May and August 2023 respectively.

III. <u>Update to HKPC Game Plan in Three-year Strategic Plan for 2023/24-2025/26</u>

New Industrialisation Framework

15. Invited by the Chairman, introduced HKPC's framework on new industrialisation as the background to the update to the HKPC Game Plan contained in the Three-year Strategic Plan for 2023/24-2025/26.

HKPC Game Plan

- 17. said that to complement the Blueprint, HKPC's Game Plan in the Three-year Strategic Plan for 2023/24-2025/26 would be updated, with 1 of the 6 key development areas, i.e. "Re-industrialisation Made in Hong Kong" to be renamed as "New Industrialisation Made in Hong Kong". The other 5 development areas would remain unchanged.
- 19. <u>Members</u> supported the update to the HKPC Game Plan.

IV. Executive Director's Goals and Objectives for 2023/24

20. Invited by the Chairman, took Members through HKPC's achievements in 2022/23 and areas to work on in the time ahead before presenting his Goals and Objectives (G&Os) for 2023/24.

Financial Projection for 2022/23

23. <u>Members</u> noted the financial projection for the whole year of 2022/23 as presented by

IX. Report from the Audit Committee (P.C. 8/2023)

37. <u>Members</u> noted the report from the Audit Committee on matters considered at its 61st meeting held on 7 March 2023.

X. Report from the Business Development Committee (P.C. 9/2023)

40. <u>Members</u> noted the report from the Business Development Committee on matters considered at its 80th meeting held on 14 March 2023.

XI. Report from the Finance Committee (P.C. 10/2023)

41. <u>Members</u> noted the report from the Finance Committee on matters considered at its 77th meeting held on 14 March 2023.

XII. Report from the Staffing Committee (P.C. 11/2023)

42. <u>Members</u> noted the report from the Staffing Committee on matters considered at its 74th meeting held on 7 March 2023.

XIII. Any Other Business

(A) 2022 Winter Internship under InnoTalent Programme

43. <u>Members</u> noted a presentation by on the 2022 Winter Internship which offered a 6-week experiential training programme in December 2022 – January 2023.

(B) Mini TV Programme to Enhance Brand Awareness

46. informed Members of marketing efforts being made to promote HKPC's home-grown technologies poised to contribute to new industrialisation in Hong

Kong.

47. said that the branding video of HKPC under the theme of "Innovation Never Stops" obtained a Bronze Award at the Kam Fan Awards 2022 (金帆廣告 大獎). 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.

(C) Vote of Thanks

48. <u>The Chairman</u> suggested, and <u>Members</u> agreed, to record a vote of thanks to CIT who would retire from the Civil Service in April 2023 for her contribution to HKPC during her tenure as Council Member in almost 4 years. also thanked CIT on behalf of the Management for her guidance and support.

(D) Attendance Record of Council Members

51. <u>Members</u> noted their attendance record for 2022 as circulated together with the meeting agenda and papers by email on 23 March 2023 and shown at the meeting. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members to try their best to attend future meetings.

XIV. Date of Next Meeting

52. <u>Members</u> noted that the next meeting was tentatively scheduled on 20 July 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

(The closed door session of the meeting followed.)