

**Revised Minutes of the 153rd Meeting
of the Hong Kong Productivity Council
held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 20 July 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
Mr. Ricky Chan Wai-chung
Miss Carrie Chang Kar-wai (representing Mr. Eddie
Mak Tak-wai, JP, Permanent Secretary for
Innovation, Technology and Industry)
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
Ms. Vivien Lau Man-yee
Mr. Ivan Lee Kwok-bun, JP (Commissioner for
Innovation and Technology)
Prof. Matthew Lee Kwok-on
Mr. Adolph Leung Wing-sing, JP (Government
Economist)
Ms. Juan Leung Chung-yan, MH
Mr. Bernard Poon Che-wai
Ir Paul Poon Wai-yin, MH
Ms. Jenny Tam Kam-lin
Ms. Frankie Tam Wing-see*
Mr. Donald Tong Chi-keung, GBS, JP*
Ms. Christine Wai Yee-yan (representing 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. Clara Chan Yuen-shan, MH

*attendance via Microsoft Teams application

In Attendance from the Innovation and Technology Commission:

Mr. Arthur Au Chung-pak, JP	Deputy Commissioner for Innovation and Technology
Mr. Indiana Wong Man-chung	Assistant Commissioner for Innovation & Technology (Funding Schemes)

In Attendance from HKPC:

Mr. Mohamed D. Butt, MH	Executive Director
Dr. Lawrence Cheung	Chief Innovation Officer
Mr. Edmond Lai	Chief Digital Officer
Ms. Vivian Lin	Chief Operating Officer / Acting Chief People & Culture Officer
Ms. Christina Cheung	Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Ray Ko	Chief Compliance Officer
Ms. Gillian Luk	Head, Council Secretariat
Ms. Olivia Poon	Manager, Council Secretariat

Safety Video

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

Meeting Mode

The Chairman said that the meeting was held physically with three Members joining via Microsoft Teams application. He thanked Members for their attendance.

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Ivan Lee Kwok-bun who attended the meeting for the first time in the capacity of Commissioner for Innovation and Technology (CIT). He also welcomed Miss Carrie Chang Kar-wai, Deputy Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry (DSITI), who attended the meeting for the first time, representing Mr. Eddie Mak Tak-wai, Permanent Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry.

Congratulations

The Chairman congratulated Ir Paul Poon Wai-yin and Mr. Donald Tong Chi-keung for being awarded Medal of Honour (M.H.) and appointed Justice of the Peace (J.P.) respectively in the 2023 Honours List announced by the Government on 1 July 2023.

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 (P.C. 13/2022 Revised)

1. The Revised Draft Minutes of the 152nd Council Meeting held on 30 March 2023 had been circulated to Members. As there were no further requests for amendments, the Revised Draft Minutes were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

II. Matter Arising

(A) Paper Circulations Since Last Meeting

3. reported 2 paper circulations to Members since the last Council meeting held on 30 March 2023:

III. Annual Accounts for the Year 2022/23 (P.C. 18/2023)

5. Invited by the Chairman, took Members through the financial performance of HKPC, excluding Automotive Platforms and Application Systems R&D Centre (APAS), in 2022/23:

(a) external income was \$717.3M, which was 19% above budget and exceeded 2021/22 by 17%;

(c) total expenditure was 4.6% below budget;

(d) an overall surplus of \$39M was achieved for 2022/23, which was better than budget by \$61.7M.

7. Members approved the annual accounts for 2022/23 which had been reviewed by the Audit Committee at its 62nd meeting held on 4 July 2023 and endorsed by the Finance Committee at its 78th meeting held on 11 July 2023 with no special comment.

IV. Annual Report on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for 2022/23 (P.C. 17/2023)

8. Invited by the Chairman, briefed Members on details of the KPI performance in 2022/23.

14. Members approved the Annual Report on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for 2022/23.

IX. Three-year Strategic Plan of HKPC for 2024/25 to 2026/27 (P.C. 23/2023)

31. Invited by the Chairman, introduced to Members the paper on Three-year Strategic Plan for 2024/25-2026/27 (Strategic Plan). said that:

- (a) the Strategic Plan would continue to anchor on the strategic framework which comprised the HKPC Game Plan with 6 strategic directions in alignment with Government policy directions to promote new industrialisation, reinforce traditional advantages, develop emerging industries, groom local talents and support enterprises;
- (b) as a close partner of the Government in promoting new industrialisation, HKPC had provided staunch support to local companies in setting up smart production lines. Looking ahead, apart from continuing effort to attract leading Mainland and overseas companies to set up operations or expand business in Hong Kong, HKPC would work on enhancing the capability of Hong Kong SMEs for them to respond actively to supply chain evolvments and become suppliers of leading enterprises. This would support the optimisation and upgrading of industrial supply chains in GBA to propel the region's development;
- (c) HKPC would continue to devote effort to promote new industrialisation. A major marketing initiative was the TV mini-series on TVB in May 2023 which had attracted over 1 million viewers.
- (d) a New Industrialisation Development Centre was being set up to spearhead HKPC's related effort.

New Industrialisation Development Centre

34. Members then noted a presentation by on a New Industrialisation Development Centre (NI Centre) which was soft-launched on 7 July 2023 with the physical setup under renovation. said that HKPC had been proactively driving Industry 4.0 in Hong Kong for local enterprises to migrate towards smart manufacturing. As global supply chains placed more emphasis on digitalisation and sustainability, there was a need to enhance support to traditional and emerging industries. This would also drive the high value add development of Hong Kong's economy and promote the upgrading of the GBA supply chain.

After discussion, Members approved the Three-year Strategic Plan of HKPC for 2024/25 to 2026/27 which would be reflected in the Programme of Activities and Estimates (P&E) for 2024/25 to be submitted to the Council in November 2023.

X. Quarterly Report on Integrated Learning Courses Commenced in First Quarter of 2023/24 by Programme Area (P.C. 24/2023)

35. Invited by the Chairman, briefed Members on the programme area distribution of 98 integrated learning courses commenced in the first quarter of 2023/24.

38. Members approved the half-yearly report.

XI. Report from the Audit Committee (P.C. 25/2023)

39. Members noted the report from the Audit Committee on matters considered at its 62nd meeting held on 4 July 2023.

XII. Report from the Business Development Committee (P.C. 26/2023)

40. Members noted the report from the Business Development Committee on matters considered at its 81st meeting held on 4 July 2023.

XIII. Report from the Finance Committee (P.C. 27/2023)

41. Members noted the report from the Finance Committee on matters considered at its 78th meeting held on 11 July 2023.

XIV. Report from the Staffing Committee (P.C. 28/2023)

42. Members noted the report from the Staffing Committee on matters considered at its 75th meeting held on 11 July 2023.

XV. Any Other Business

(B) Update on BIZ Expands Easy (BEE) Platform and Mobile App

48. informed Members that:

(a) the BEE platform, launched in September 2022 as a one-stop integrated platform of Government funding schemes, now contained 20 funding schemes, up by 2.5 times from 8 at the beginning.

49. then referred to the Grab-and-Go leaflet tabled at the meeting for distributing to Members. said that the leaflet was designed in a handy format to provide quick facts of the 8 funding schemes being implemented by HKPC to draw attention of potential applicants.

50. invited Members who sat in industry, trade and other associations to promote the 8 funding schemes with HKPC as secretariat to their association members. said that funding information could be obtained from the Funding Scheme Branch of HKPC and its SME ReachOut team for dissemination at association meetings, website and magazines to members.

51. Members noted the update.

(C) Summer InnoTalent Programme 2023

52. Members noted the report by about the summer edition of the InnoTalent programme from June to August 2023.

53. Members then received a presentation by 3 InnoTalents who shared their internship experience in the summer programme so far, undergoing team building, job shadowing, training sessions and innovation field trips to factories and utilities.

(D) Webinar on Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (29 August 2023)

54. also invited Members to attend a coming webinar on personal data privacy to be held on 29 August 2023.

(E) Summer TechEd Fest

55. Members noted the update by _____ about the “Summer TechEd Fest” to be held by HKPC on 21-22 July 2023 to promote TechEd development in Hong Kong and stimulate interest in innovation and technology. At this 2-day event, 90 TechEd activities would be arranged for the education sector and general public, including a STEM experience zone, workshops, interactive booths and parenting seminars.

(F) Attendance Record of Council Members

56. Members noted their attendance record for 2023 as circulated together with the meeting agenda and papers by email on 13 July 2023 and shown at the meeting. The Chairman reminded Members to try their best to attend future meetings.

XVI. Date of Next Meeting

57. Members noted that the next meeting was tentatively scheduled on 23 November 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

58. There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 4:46 p.m.