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P.C. 10/2024 (Second Revision)

Revised Minutes of the 155th Meeting of the Hong Kong Productivity Council held at 9:00a.m. on Thursday, 25 March 2024 in Boardroom, 2nd floor, HKPC Building, 78 Tat Chee Avenue, Yau Yat Chuen, Kowloon

Present:	Chairman –	Hon. Sunny Tan
	Members –	 Prof. Viveca Chan E-nam* Mr. Bryant Chan Wan-sing Ms. Clara Chan Yuen-shan, MH* Ms. Lily Ching Ngon-lai Mr. Marvin Hsu Tsun-fai, JP Mr. Geoffrey Edward Kao Mr. Anthony Lam Sai-ho* Dr. Cecilia Lam Kwok-ying (representing Mr. Adolph Leung Wing-sing, JP, Government Economist) Mr. Anson Lai Yat-ching, JP (representing Ms. Maggie Wong Siu-chu, JP, Director-General of Trade and Industry) Ms. Vivien Lau Man-yee Mr. Ivan Lee Kwok-bun, JP (Commissioner for Innovation and Technology) Prof. Matthew Lee Kwok-on Mr. Eddie Mak Tak-wai, JP (Permanent Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry) Mr. Bernard Poon Che-wai Ms. Jenny Tam Kam-lin Mr. Donald Tong Chi-keung, GBS, JP* Ms. Jade Wong (representing Mr. Raymond Ho Kam-biu, JP, Deputy Commissioner for Labour) Ms. Jennifer Yeung Yin-chi Mr. Emil Yu Chen-on, BBS, JP Ms. Zhang Li*
Absent with	Apologies:	Mr. Brian Cheng Ho-wai Ms. Frankie Tam Wing-see

In Attendance from the Innovation and Technology Commission:

Mr. Indiana Wong Man-chung Assistant Commissioner for Innovation and Technology (Funding Schemes)

*attendance via Microsoft Teams application

In Attendance from HKPC:

Mr. Mohamed D. Butt, MH	Executive Director
Dr. Lawrence Cheung	Chief Innovation Officer
Mr. Edmond Lai	Chief Digital Officer
Mr. Brian Wong	Chief People and 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 Arrangement

<u>The Chairman</u> said that the meeting had been rescheduled from 21 March 2024. He thanked Members for accommodating the change and attending the meeting.

<u>The Chairman</u> also drew Members' attention to the newly renovated Boardroom to provide a better meeting environment to users.

Welcome to Members

<u>The Chairman</u> welcomed the newly appointed Council Members to the meeting. They were Prof. Viveca Chan E-nam, Ms. Lily Ching Ngon-lai and Mr. Anthony Lam Sai-ho.

<u>The Chairman</u> also welcomed Mr. Anson Lai Yat-ching, Deputy Director-General of Trade and Industry, representing Director-General of Trade and Industry, and Ms. Jade Wong, Assistant Commissioner for Labour, representing Deputy Commissioner for Labour. They 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 Mr. Ricky Chan Wai-chung, Ms. Juan Leung Chung-yan and Ir Paul Poon Wai-yin for their contribution during their tenure as Members.

Preview of HKPC Television Commercial

<u>The Chairman</u> said that the main session of the meeting would be followed by an exclusive preview of HKPC Television Commercial (TVC) in Theatre 1 of the HKPC Building. He invited Members to join this special preview before the official release of the TVC.

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. <u>Confirmation of Minutes</u> (P.C. 39/2023 Revised)

1. The Revised Draft Minutes of the 154th Council Meeting held on 23 November 2023 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. Matter Arising

(A) Paper Circulations Since Last Meeting

2. reported 3 paper circulations to Members since the last Council meeting held on 23 November 2023.

IV. <u>Consultancy Study on Mainland Expansion and Plan for Executing</u> <u>Study Recommendations</u> (P.C. 4/2024)

(The representatives joined the meeting for the agenda item.)

13. <u>The Chairman</u> introduced the agenda item by recapping that HKPC's Mainland expansion plan had been under consideration for some time having regard to different pillar industry development and value chain distribution in Greater Bay Area (GBA) cities, as well as risk factors. In the event, was appointed to conduct a study to offer independent views and professional knowledge and advise on the strategy to adopt.

25. After discussion, <u>Members</u> supported the study recommendations and execution plan as detailed in the paper.

V. <u>Review of HKPC Vision and Mission Statements, Core Values and 3-</u> <u>Pronged Strategy</u> (P.C. 5/2024)

26. <u>Members</u> approved the proposed updates to the vision and mission statements and core values of HKPC as well as its 3-pronged strategy with effect from 1 April 2024, as presented by .

VI. <u>Executive Director's Goals and Objectives for 2024/25</u>

28. Invited by the Chairman, presented the financial projection for 2023/24 before took Members through HKPC's achievements in 2023/24 and areas to work on in the time ahead. then elaborated Goals and Objectives (G&Os) for 2024/25 on the 3 major fronts of strategic imperatives, organisational execution and enterprise risk management.

32. <u>Members</u> noted the Executive Directors' G&Os for 2024/25.

VII. <u>Report from the Audit Committee</u> (P.C. 6/2024)

33. <u>Members</u> noted the report from the Audit Committee on matters considered at its 64th meeting held on 5 March 2024.

VIII. <u>Report from the Business Development Committee</u> (P.C. 7/2024)

34. <u>Members</u> noted the report from the Business Development Committee on matters considered at its 83rd meeting held on 5 March 2024.

IX. <u>Report from the Finance Committee</u> (P.C. 8/2024)

35. <u>Members</u> noted the report from the Finance Committee on matters considered at its 80th meeting held on 12 March 2024.

X. <u>Report from the Staffing Committee</u> (P.C. 9/2024)

36. <u>Members</u> noted the report from the Staffing Committee on matters considered at its 77th meeting held on 12 March 2024.

XI. <u>Any Other Business</u>

(A) <u>New Productive Forces 新質生產力</u>

37. said that, to complement the national direction to drive new productive forces to inject impetus into economic development, HKPC had held an internal workout meeting in March 2024 to define the meaning of the concept to HKPC and develop complementary services. In agreeing that new productive forces should be developed according to local conditions, HKPC would harness market-driven advanced technologies to support traditional and emerging industries in "innovation", "high quality", "green" and "talent" areas. Coming up, a Future Manufacturing Hall to promote new industrialisation would be inaugurated. HKPC would also promote the new concept of "microfactory", which would provide the solution for local industry players to tackle the land shortage issue in Hong Kong by using highly flexible production methods. Together with other initiatives like technology transformation and Government funding support which were under implementation. To ensure relevance,

the framework would be updated from time to time, based on technology development, economic conditions, and other pertinent factors.

38. Continuing with presentation, briefed Members on HKPC's efforts in promoting new industrialisation. These included:

- (a) supporting the establishment of production lines in Hong Kong in the past few years. These production lines covered a wide range of industries, including food, life and health, construction, plastics, optical, electronics, new materials, textile and pet products;
- (b) soft launch of the "New Industrialisation Development Centre" (to be renamed as Future Manufacturing Hall) in 2023 to assist enterprises to embrace smart manufacturing;
- (c) securing new projects on new industrialisation in 2023/24;
- (d) supporting approved projects under the New Industrialisation Funding Scheme (NIFS) of ITC ;
- (e) holding over 200 new industrialisation-related learning programmes in the first 10 months of 2023/24 for more than 5,500 participants;
- (f) organising promotion activities, including the "Hong Kong Got Industries" (「香港有工業」) promotion campaign in January 2024 and issued over 2,100 posts via Hong Kong and Mainland social media channels. The activities served to tell good stories of Hong Kong industry, provide role models to SMEs, and promote Hong Kong's advanced manufacturing capability ; and
- (g) coming initiatives in new industrialisation, including the inauguration of the Future Manufacturing Hall and an AI Applications Hall, a new television commercial, new training programmes, research and studies and promotion in GBA.

(D) <u>InnoTalent Programme</u>

47. <u>Members</u> received a presentation by on the latest developments of the InnoTalent Programme.

(E) <u>Talent Recruitment – Career Fairs</u>

49. <u>Members</u> noted an update by on HKPC's participation in career fairs held in Hong Kong and the Mainland (Beijing and Shenzhen) in February and March 2024. This was part of the effort to promote the employment and internship opportunities in HKPC.

(I) <u>Use of eForm by Council Members</u>

57. <u>The Chairman</u> encouraged Members to use eForm as an alternative method to cast votes on paper circulations seeking approval/endorsement, submit declarations of interest and update Register of Interest.

(J) <u>Topic Sharing Sessions</u>

58. recapped the topic sharing sessions arranged for Members in January – March 2024 and invited Members to join the sessions scheduled at end-March and May 2024. said that the sessions, in the mode of in-person or online attendance, served to acquaint Members with technology or service areas pertaining to HKPC's work focus, or compliance and governance standards being pursued by HKPC.

(K) Attendance Record of Council Members

59. <u>Members</u> noted the attendance record for Council and Standing Committee meetings in 2023 as circulated together with the meeting reminder by email on 22 March 2024 and shown at the meeting. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members to try their best to attend future meetings of the Council and Standing Committees.

XII. Date of Next Meeting

60. <u>Members</u> noted that the next meeting was tentatively scheduled on 18 July 2024 at 3:00p.m.

61. There being no other business, <u>the Chairman</u> declared at 11.15am the closure of the meeting.