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**BDC 17/2024 (Revised)**

**Revised Minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
the Business Development Committee of  
the Hong Kong Productivity Council  
held at 3:00p.m. on Tuesday, 2 July 2024 in  
Boardroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, HKPC Building,  
78 Tat Chee Avenue, Yau Yat Chuen, Kowloon**

**Present:** Chairman – Mr. Bryant Chan Wan-sing  
Members –  
Mr. Mohamed D. Butt, MH  
Prof. Viveca Chan E-nam  
Ms. Clara Chan Yuen-shan, MH, JP\*  
Mr. Anthony Lam Sai-ho  
Prof. Matthew Lee Kwok-on\*  
Mr. Indiana Wong Man-chung  
(Assistant Commissioner for Innovation and  
Technology (Funding Schemes), representing  
Mr. Ivan Lee, JP, Commissioner for  
Innovation and Technology)\*  
Mr. Emil Yu Chen-on, BBS, JP

**In Attendance from Innovation and Technology Commission:**

Ms. Milly Au Yeung Shan\* Senior Manager (Innovation and Technology  
Fund)  
Mr. Jacky Chow Chi-hang\* 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. Christina Cheung Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Brian Wong Chief People and Culture Officer  
Ms. Gillian Luk Head, Council Secretariat  
Ms. Olivia Poon Manager, Council Secretariat

\*attendance via Microsoft Teams application

## **Mode of Meeting**

The Chairman said that the meeting was held in hybrid mode with 3 Members joining via Microsoft Teams. He thanked Members for attending the meeting.

## **Congratulations**

The Chairman congratulated Ms. Clara Chan Yuen-shan for being appointed as Justice of the Peace (JP) under the 2024 Honours List announced by the Government on 1 July 2024.

## **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 6/2024)**

1. The Draft Minutes of the 83<sup>rd</sup> BDC meeting held on 5 March 2024 had been circulated to Members and there were no requests for amendments. The Minutes of the meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **II. Matter Arising**

#### **(A) Paper Circulation since Last Meeting**

2.           reported 3 paper circulations to Members since the last meeting held on 5 March 2024.

### **III. Three-year Strategic Plan of HKPC for 2025/26 – 2027/28 (BDC 10/2024)**

3. Invited by the Chairman, introduced to Members the paper on Three-year Strategic Plan for 2025/26-2027/28 (Strategic Plan). said that in executing the Strategic Plan via the Game Plan last reviewed in March 2023, continued attention would be paid to monitoring the market situation. Where warranted, prompt update would be made to the focus areas in the Game Plan to address industry needs. In particular, all-out effort would be made to promote new industrialisation in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) including Hong Kong. A case in point was the inauguration of the Future Manufacturing Hall (新質生產力展館) scheduled for 8 July 2024. The theme hall would showcase smart production success stories and promote the innovative concept of “Microfactory” to drive the development of new productive forces among the industrial community in the region.

4. Continuing with his presentation, said that other focus areas in the Game Plan remained highly relevant, such as FutureSkills training and support to start-ups and SMEs. Relevant programmes and services were well received, such as the implementation of Government funding schemes. In light of the ever increasing cybersecurity risks, HKPC would beef up relevant measures under the focus area of digitalisation and cybersecurity to safeguard enterprises against the challenge.

5. Members endorsed for the Council’s approval the Three-year Strategic Plan of HKPC for 2025/26-2027/28 which would be reflected in the Programme and Estimates (P&E) for 2025/26 to be submitted to the Council in November 2024.

### **IV. Report on Mainland Expansion Plan and HKPC’s Mainland Subsidiaries and Related Entities (BDC 11/2024)**

#### Mainland Expansion Plan Implementation

6. Invited by the Chairman to introduce the paper, briefed Members on the progress of pursuing the strategy to expand HKPC’s presence in the Mainland and the major platform programmes developed with local authorities to support enterprises in GBA.

#### Service Opportunities Beyond GBA

12. said that to prepare HKPC to go beyond GBA in due course, the

Management made a visit to Beijing several weeks ago to meet the China Centre for Promotion of SME Development 中國中小企業發展促進中心 under the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology 工業和信息化部. It was hoped to leverage the national SME platform and radiate HKPC services throughout the Mainland.

13. Members also said that HKPC was going to enter into a collaboration agreement with the Yangtze River Delta National Technology Innovation Center (NICE) (長三角國家技術創新中心), a national technology innovation center endorsed by the Ministry of Science and Technology, on 8 July 2024. Under the agreement, the 2 parties would set up a “Hong Kong-Yangtze River Delta Joint Innovation Center” (香港-長三角聯合創新中心) to promote R&D and technology commercialisation in the Yangtze Delta region.

15. Members noted the implementation of the Mainland expansion plan and the business progress of HKPC’s subsidiaries and related entities in the Mainland in October 2023 – May 2024 as detailed in the paper.

#### **V. Annual Report on Secretariat Projects for Government Funding Schemes for 2023/24 (BDC 12/2024)**

16. Members received a presentation by \_\_\_\_\_ on HKPC’s involvement in 10 active Government funding schemes as secretariat in 2023/24 which were open for applications.

24. Members noted the annual report on secretariat projects for 2023/24, including the major initiatives undertaken for enhancement and new developments under Government funding schemes as outlined in the paper.

#### **VI. Report on Commercial Research and Development (CRD) (BDC 13/2024)**

25. Members noted the report by \_\_\_\_\_ about the implementation and commercialisation progress of projects supported by the Corporate CRD Fund as of 31 May 2024 as detailed in the paper.

**VII. Report on Projects for Government Funding Schemes (February – May 2024) (BDC 14/2024)**

26. Members noted report that between February and May 2024, 17 proposals with HKPC's involvement were approved for \$36.9M under Government funding schemes as follows:

- (a) Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF): 13 approved projects for \$24.4M;
- (b) Trade and Industrial Organisation Support Fund (TSF): 2 approved projects for \$2.4M; and
- (c) Environment Conservation Fund (ECF): 2 approved projects for \$10.1M.

**VIII. Final Performance Review of Completed ITF Projects (BDC 15/2024)**

29. Members noted the final performance review of 4 completed ITF projects, as follows:

- (a) Study Key Technologies of Dim Small Defects Identification of Typical Power Grid Equipment Based on Few-shot Learning in the Federated Learning Framework;
- (b) Trial: Development of Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) Forming and Welding Technology;
- (c) Development of a V2X Enabled Road Pavement Health Monitoring System with Positioning Enhancement for Autonomous Driving; and
- (d) Next Generation AI Robotic Indoor Positioning System by Fusion of 3D Magnetic Sensor and Depth Camera.

**IX. Any Other Business**

**(A) Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Performance for 2023/24**

30. Members noted the update by that HKPC met all the targets of the 19 KPIs in 2023/24.

**(B) Concession to Applicant Companies of New Industrialisation Funding Scheme**

34. then briefed Members on a proposal for HKPC to offer a 30% concession of manpower cost to applicant companies of the New Industrialisation Funding Scheme (NIFS) administered by the Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC). said that the proposal formed part of HKPC’s proactive effort to complement the Government’s policy by encouraging local enterprises to use HKPC’s consultancy support to upgrade to smart manufacturing, as well as attracting leading enterprises to establish a presence in Hong Kong. In terms of implementation, the concessionary offer would apply to quotations issued by HKPC during an 8-month period from August 2024 till March 2025.

37. Members noted the update.

**(D) Way Forward for Automotive Platforms and Application Systems R&D Centre (APAS)**

40. referred to APAS’ full integration into HKPC with effect from 1 April 2025.

41. Members also noted the communication activities held by APAS in June 2024 to announce the integration to staff and stakeholders and secure their continued support to APAS and HKPC.

**(E) Report on Inno Space**

42. Members received a presentation by on the progress of Inno Space in 2023/24 to promote STEAM education and support start-ups and innopreneurs in Hong Kong.

43. encouraged Members to participate in STEAM activities by Inno Space to interact with young students. said that coming up, the “Summer TechEd Fest” would be held on 5-6 July 2024 for young tech enthusiasts and families to experience more than 100 interactive game booths, workshops and experience zones under the STEAM theme.

**(F) Appointment of Mentor for ITF Project**

44. Members agreed to appoint as the mentor of a new ITF project commenced in May 2024, namely “Driving Next- Generation Engineers' Creativity and Technological Innovation through Localising the Capability Building for F1 in Schools STEAM Campaign”.

**(G) Attendance Record**

45. Members noted their attendance record for 2024 as circulated together with the meeting agenda and papers by email on 25 June 2024 and shown at the meeting. The Chairman reminded Members to try their best to attend future meetings.

**X. Date of Next Meeting**

46. Members noted that the next meeting would tentatively be held on 12 November 2024 at 3:00 pm.

47. There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 4:20 pm.