

CE appoints Economic Development Commission

The Government announced today (January 17) the establishment of the Economic Development Commission (the Commission) and its four Working Groups, with members appointed by the Chief Executive (CE).

In his election manifesto the CE said, "Economic diversification and thriving industries can improve our job market structure and provide better opportunities and upward mobility to our workers. As well, a diversified economy will give rise to a stronger middle class and better employment opportunities for our grass roots." In this light, he pledged to establish an Economic Development Commission led by himself to draw up an overall economic development strategy and industry policy.

In July 2012, a Preparatory Task Force on the Economic Development Commission was set up to make recommendations to the CE on the terms of reference, the operational model and the composition of the Commission. The CE announced in his Policy Address yesterday that the Commission will be established.

The terms of reference of the Commission are to provide visionary direction and advice to the Government on the overall strategy and policy to broaden Hong Kong's economic base and to enhance Hong Kong's economic growth and development; and, in particular, to explore and identify growth sectors or clusters of sectors which present opportunities for Hong Kong's further economic growth, and recommend possible policy and other support for these industries.

The CE will chair the Commission, under which four Working Groups are formed to study specific industries in an in-depth manner:

- (1) Working Group on Transportation (including maritime and air transport);
- (2) Working Group on Convention and Exhibition Industries and Tourism;
- (3) Working Group on Manufacturing Industries, Innovative Technology, and Cultural and Creative Industries; and
- (4) Working Group on Professional Services.

"The establishment of the Commission and its Working Groups reflects the Administration's determination to continue to make the best use of Hong Kong's existing edges and also explore new advantages and develop new strengths. We are looking forward to the wise counsel of the Commission for drawing up an overall

industry policy with a view to creating jobs and improving people's livelihoods," a Government spokesman said.

"The non-official members of the Commission and the Working Groups are local and overseas experts with vast experience and rich knowledge in their own professions/sectors. We are grateful for their agreement to serve on the Commission to work with the Government in taking Hong Kong's economic development to a higher and sustainable level," the spokesman added.

The Commission comprises 22 non-official members and four ex-officio members. The membership of the Commission and its four Working Groups are as follows:

The Commission

Chairman

Chief Executive

Non-official Members (22)

Dr Ba Shusong

Professor Leonard Cheng Kwok-hon

Dr Raymond Ch'ien Kuo-fung

Dr Jonathan Choi Koon-shum

Mr Chow Chung-kong (Convenor of Working Group on Transportation)

Dr Fu Yuning

Dr Victor Fung Kwok-king

Mr He Guangbei

Mr Stanley Lau Chin-ho

Mr Lau Ping-cheung (Convenor of Working Group on Professional Services)

Mr Andrew Leung Kwan-yuen

Mr Andrew Liao Cheung-sing

Ms Christina Liu

Dr Victor Lo Chung-wing (Convenor of Working Group on Manufacturing Industries, Innovative Technology, and Cultural and Creative Industries)

Dr Lui Ming-wah

Mr Jack So Chak-kwong (Convenor of Working Group on Convention and Exhibition Industries and Tourism)

Mr Charley Song Lin

Mr Alan Tung Lieh-sing (Convenor of Sub-group on Maritime under Working Group on Transportation)

Mr Peter Wong Tung-shun

Dr David Wong Yau-kar

Mr George Yeo Yong-Boon

Dr Allan Zeman

Ex-officio Members

Financial Secretary

Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Secretary for Development

Secretary for Transport and Housing

Working Group on Transportation

Convenor

Mr Chow Chung-kong

Non-official Members (11)

Mr David Cheng Fu-kwok

Dr Marvin Cheung Kin-tung

Ms Agnes Choi Heung-kwan

Mr Victor Chu Lap-lik

Mr Peter Cremers

Dr Law Cheung-kwok

Dr Kelvin Leung Kai-yuen

Mr John Robert Slosar

Mr Alan Tung Lieh-sing (Convenor of Sub-group on Maritime under Working Group on Transportation)

Mr Philip Yang Liang-yee

Mr Dewey Yee

Ex-officio Member

Secretary for Transport and Housing

Working Group on Convention and Exhibition Industries and Tourism

Convenor

Mr Jack So Chak-kwong

Non-official Members (17)

Mr Victor Chan Kok-wai

Mr Daniel Cheung Wai-hung

Mr Michael Chiay

Mr Stanley Chu Yu-lun

Mr Michael Roland Anton Duck

Ms Maureen Fung Sau-yim

Mr Allen Ha Wing-on

Mr Frederick Lam Tin-fuk

Mrs Monica Lee-Müller

Ms Lanny Leung Kong-lan

Mr Lo Yuk-sui

Mr Po Lap-wai

Mr Michael Wu Siu-ieng

Ms May Yeung Yuen-yi

Mr Freddy Yip Hing-ning

Mr Yu Pang-chun

Dr Allan Zeman

Ex-officio Member

Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Working Group on Manufacturing Industries, Innovative Technology, and Cultural and Creative Industries

Convenor

Dr Victor Lo Chung-wing

Non-official Members (18)

Mr Charles Nicholas Brooke
Professor Philip Chan Ching-ho
Ms Karen Chan Ka-yin
Mr Clement Chen Cheng-jen
Ir Daniel Cheng Man-chung
Mr Kevin Ching Sau-hong
Dr Jonathan Choi Koon-shum
Dr Roy Chung Chi-ping
Mr Crucindo Hung Cho-sing
Mr Ko Chi-sum
Dr Peter Lau Kwok-kuen
Mr Freeman Lau Siu-hong
Dr Humphrey Leung Kwong-wai
Mr Andrew Liao Cheung-sing
Mr William Lim Ooi-lee
Mr Ma Huateng
Mr Irons Sze
Mr Eric Yim Chi-ming

Ex-officio Member

Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Working Group on Professional Services

Convenor

Mr Lau Ping-cheung

Non-official Members (8)

Ir Dr Andrew Chan Ka-ching
Mr Stephen Lai Yuk-fai
Mr Nelson Lam Chi-yuen
Mr Dominic Lam Kwong-ki

Professor Dennis Lam Shun-chiu

Dr Sigmund Leung Sai-man

Ms Elaine Lo Yuen-man

Dr Maurice Ngai Wai-fung

Ex-officio Member

Secretary for Development

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