

**Commission on Strategic Development  
Executive Committee**

**Information Note on Progress of Work  
of other Committees of the Commission on Strategic Development  
(Position as at 31 March 2006)**

**Purpose**

Members are invited to note the progress of work of the three other Committees of the Commission on Strategic Development as set out in the following tables.

**Committee on Governance and Political Development**

<b>Subject discussed / to be discussed</b>	<b>Date of meeting/workshop</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Constitutional Development	29.11.05	The Committee agreed to discuss the formulation of a roadmap for universal suffrage in two stages. The first stage would focus on principles and concepts with a view to concluding discussions by summer 2006. The second stage would be to discuss the design of a universal suffrage system for the selection of the Chief Executive and the formation of the Legislative Council, with a view to concluding discussions by early 2007.
Principles and concepts of universal suffrage	20.1.06	The Committee generally agreed that, broadly speaking, a universal suffrage system should be a one-man-one-vote system which could take the form of direct or indirect election. A universal suffrage system also allows for taking special electoral arrangement to cater to the

		interests of particular social categories. The Committee also generally agreed to explore the concept and design of universal suffrage for selecting the Chief Executive first.
Overseas experience in implementing universal suffrage for the legislature	28.2.06	The Secretariat organised a workshop on 28.2.06 to help Members learn more about overseas examples on how the design of their legislatures could accommodate the interests of different sectors of their respective communities. Five speakers, namely Dr Sung Lap-kung, Professor Ma Ngok, Dr Li Pang-kwong, Dr Sing Ming and Sir David Akers-Jones were invited to make presentations. There was a general view that the future electoral systems should enhance participation of the business sector. There were however divergent views on the feasibility of introducing a bicameral system for our legislature.
The Basic Law principle of facilitating the development of the capitalist economy	24.3.06	The Committee agreed that, when attaining the ultimate aim of universal suffrage, the principles of facilitating the development of the capitalist economy and meeting the interests of different sectors of society must be ensured so as to maintain the stability and prosperity of Hong Kong. Also, the economic development of Hong Kong, as well as the principles of “keeping expenditure within the limits of revenues”, “low and simple tax regime” and “Big Market, Small Government”, should not be affected.
Nurturing Political Talent		The Committee will discuss this issue at future meetings.
Development of political parties		The Committee will discuss this issue at future meetings.

Review of the role, functions and structure of the District Councils		The Committee will discuss this issue at future meetings.
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### **Committee on Economic Development and Economic Cooperation with the Mainland**

<b>Subject discussed / to be discussed</b>	<b>Date of meeting/workshop</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Hong Kong's economic cooperation with the Mainland on all fronts	5.12.05	The Committee has a general view that it was necessary to strike a proper balance between enhancing our cooperation with the Mainland and extending our international connections. There was a general agreement that more should be done on the education and training of local talent to maintain and enhance our competitiveness.
Promoting the development of creative industries	6.2.06	There was a common view that "creativity" and "creative industries" would be a key driver for Hong Kong's economic growth. Hong Kong should leverage on its major asset of human capital and maximize its potential creative content in adding value to its economy. Three key areas had been identified for Government action: (i) attracting talent to work and live in Hong Kong; (ii) re-visit the available statistics to see if there is room to better measure the performance of the creative industries; and (iii) continuing the current efforts to protect intellectual property rights. The performance of selected creative industries would be studied further.
Hong Kong as a hub for talent	11.4.06	The Committee will discuss "Hong Kong as a hub for talent" at its 3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting on 11.4.06.

High value-added logistics		The Committee will discuss this issue at future meetings.
Creation of employment		The Committee will discuss this issue at future meetings.

### **Committee on Social Development and Quality of Life**

<b>Subject discussed / to be discussed</b>	<b>Date of meeting/workshop</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Overview of major social development trends in Hong Kong	1.12.05	<p>The Committee exchanged views on the major social development trends including continued fertility decline, population ageing, economic restructuring and globalization etc.</p> <p>Members advised that emphasis should be placed on balanced social development at the levels of the entire society, the local community and the individual, and the core values that should be promoted. Hong Kong needs to keep abreast of international trends in this rapidly changing era of information age and globalization, help its people to adapt to both local and external environments and adjust their expectations. The roles of the Government, the business and Third Sector should be defined.</p>
Tripartite Partnership	13.2.06	The Committee discussed Tripartite partnership (TPP) at its meeting on 13.2.06. Members cautioned against over-regulation and suggested that the government should provide leadership, promote TPP in more areas and in wider scope, transcending different sectors and strata of the community, consider the needs and aspirations of small and medium enterprises, and the need for more publicity and encouragement.

Population policy	28.3.06	CPU organized a workshop on population policy on 28.3.06. Three speakers, namely Dr Paul Yip of HKU, Prof Wong Siu-lun of HKU and Dr John Bacon-shone of HKU were invited to make presentations on “Experience of Selected Countries in Encouraging Childbirth”, “Experience of Selected Cities in the Mainland in Attracting Professionals and Talents” and “Experience of Selected Countries in Attracting Talents, Professionals and Investors” respectively. There was a general view that, similar to many other overseas countries, Hong Kong was facing the following population challenges: ageing, low fertility, population quality and mobility of people. It was important that Hong Kong should formulate population policy to secure and nurture a population which sustains our development as a knowledge-based economy.
	24.4.06	The Committee will discuss Population Policy at its 3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting on 24.4.06. It is anticipated that the Committee may hold at least two meetings to discuss this important issue and CPU will organize another workshop before the 4 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee on 6.7.06.
Support for the Family		The Committee will discuss this issue at future meetings.
Income inequality and social mobility		The Committee will discuss this issue at future meetings.