

**Summary of the views expressed at  
the Second Meeting of the Executive Committee  
of the Commission on Strategic Development  
held on 9 February 2006**

**Strategic issues to be discussed at future meetings**

The Committee agreed to discuss the following priority strategic issues: “Hong Kong’s positioning in our country’s economic, social and political development” (discussed under Agenda Item III of this meeting), “Hong Kong’s positioning in the international community and international affairs”, “Hong Kong’s international competitiveness”, and “Balanced and sustainable development on all fronts”.

2. There were proposals to discuss land policy as a sub-topic under the strategic issue of “Balanced and sustainable development on all fronts”, and the nurturing of talent. There was also a suggestion to form working groups to discuss specific topics and report findings and recommendations for plenary discussion at committee meetings.

**Hong Kong’s positioning in our country’s economic, social and political development**

Opportunities and challenges for Hong Kong arising from the Mainland’s development during the “Eleventh Five-Year” period

3. There was general support for positioning Hong Kong as an international financial, trading and logistics centre of China. Because of the fast development of ports and airports in the Mainland, particularly in nearby cities which had lower operation costs, Hong Kong would need to

quickly enhance the competitiveness of its logistics industry. A Member said that a new mindset should be adopted to enhance our logistics industry and treat Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Dongguan as one single entity.

4. More could be done to attract Mainland companies to raise capital in Hong Kong and help Mainland companies meet international standards of corporate governance. In view of the progressive liberalization in the convertibility of Renminbi, Hong Kong should explore the opportunity of trading Hong Kong securities in Mainland cities.

5. Given the growing demand for higher education in the Mainland, some Members considered that there should be a strategy to attract more Mainland students to study in Hong Kong and that the private sector should be encouraged to run new tertiary educational institutions. Hong Kong had good potential to position itself as an educational hub for both secondary and higher education.

6. To remain competitive, Hong Kong should take measures to attract overseas talent to work and stay in the territory, while enhancing the training of local talent and attracting bright people from other places to receive education and training here. Measures should be explored to facilitate the export of professional and managerial expertise to the Mainland. There was a suggestion to set up a working group to look into the problem of declining quality of our younger generation, especially their language proficiency.

7. On facilitation of trade, Hong Kong should attract exhibitors and buyers to come to Hong Kong and create transactions to attain a critical mass. More business transactions would generate higher demand for various support services and would benefit the industries concerned like logistics. Hong Kong could be a platform to facilitate trading between small and medium enterprises in the Mainland and overseas. Hong Kong could also be a wealth management centre for wealthy Mainland people.

#### Roles and responsibilities of Hong Kong in our country's development

8. There was no disagreement that Hong Kong should support our country's development and act as a bridge between the Mainland and the international community. On economic development, Hong Kong could be a capital provider and act as a window for international trade. More should be done to facilitate the development of high value-added industries in the Mainland especially in the legal, accounting and banking sectors. On social development, Hong Kong could share its experience with the Mainland in handling various social issues. On governance, Hong Kong had much to share with the Mainland regarding its proven open and efficient administrative system, particularly in the area of anti-corruption. A Member said that Hong Kong's democratic development could also be of reference to the Mainland.

9. Some Members considered that the development of mutual trust between the Central Government and Hong Kong people was important to Hong Kong's future development. Others felt that the Government should remove obstacles to facilitate the nurturing of

political talent. There was also a suggestion to explore the feasibility of establishing a unit within the Government to coordinate with the business community and the Third Sector in promoting the role and responsibilities of Hong Kong in our country's development.

10. The Chief Executive made the following comments :

- Members had tendered useful comments and there appeared to be a general view that Hong Kong needed to carefully position itself and increase its competitiveness, if it was to continue to play an important role in our country's development. Therefore, even though it was agreed that the next meeting on 6 April 2006 would discuss "Hong Kong's positioning in the international community and international affairs", he would like the Secretariat to organize a workshop before then, for members to express initial views on how Hong Kong could enhance its competitiveness, in preparation for a more focused and in-depth discussion when the issue of "Hong Kong's international competitiveness" was discussed at future Committee meeting(s).
- Although some Members still wished to discuss some specific issues, this Committee should focus on major strategic issues and problems facing Hong Kong that had not yet been addressed by the Government, from a macro and forward-looking perspective, and coordinate the discussions of the other three Committees to avoid overlapping.

- There was an apparent consensus that the nurturing and attraction of talent were vital to Hong Kong's future development. Members might wish to note that the Committee on Economic Development and Economic Cooperation with the Mainland would discuss the strategic issue of "Hong Kong as a hub for talent" at its next meeting scheduled for 11 April 2006.
- As Members might not have sufficient time to fully comment on the areas of concern set out in the two discussion papers (Ref: CSD/EC/2/2006 and CSD/EC/3/2006), the Secretariat would prepare a questionnaire and invite Members to provide written comments after the meeting.
- To enhance transparency of the discussion of the Committee and to stimulate discussion in the community, all discussion papers, summaries of views of meetings, as well as the written submissions prepared by Members would be uploaded to the CSD webpage unless the Members concerned had asked to confine circulation to Members and/or the Administration.

11. The attendance list is attached.

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策略發展委員會  
行政委員會第二次會議  
2006年2月9日

Second Meeting of the Executive Committee  
of the Commission on Strategic Development  
9 February 2006

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