

Commission on Strategic Development Executive Committee

Strategic Issues to be Discussed

Purpose

This paper invites Members to note the priority strategic issues to be discussed at future meetings of this Committee.

Background

2. At the first meeting of this Committee held on 28 November 2005, Members considered Paper Ref. CSD/EC/2/2005 on “Strategic Issues that may be Discussed at Future Meetings”. In concluding the discussion, the Chairman said that the Secretariat would consider Members’ views carefully and prepare a list of priority issues that should be tackled by this Committee.

Priority Strategic Issues to be Discussed at Future Meetings

3. Having carefully considered Members’ views, we have drawn up the following strategic issues, in descending order of priority, for discussion at future meetings -

- (1) Hong Kong’s positioning in our country’s economic, social and political development
- (2) Hong Kong’s positioning in the international community and international affairs
- (3) Hong Kong’s international competitiveness
- (4) Balanced and sustainable development on all fronts

4. In arriving at the above list, we have taken into consideration the tenure of this Committee and made reference to the agreed schedule of meetings (vide Paper Ref. CSD/EC/3/2005 on “Schedule of Future Meetings”). We have not proposed a longer list as this Committee will

have only eight to nine more formal meetings from now till the end of its term, and that it may take more than one meeting to discuss an issue and hopefully provide some broad direction on the way forward.

5. For Members' information, the Secretariat has drawn up the following strategic issues for discussion by the other three committees:

Committee on Governance and Political Development

- (1) Principles and concepts of universal suffrage
- (2) Design of the universal suffrage system for both the Chief Executive and the Legislative Council
- (3) Nurturing political talent
- (4) Development of political parties
- (5) Review of the role, functions and structure of the District Councils

Committee on Social Development and Quality of Life

- (1) Tripartite partnership
- (2) Population policy
- (3) Support for the family
- (4) Income inequality and social mobility

Committee on Economic Development and Economic Cooperation with the Mainland

- (1) Promoting the development of creative industries
- (2) Hong Kong as a hub for talent
- (3) High value-added logistics
- (4) Creation of employment

Advice Sought

6. Members are invited to note the list of strategic issues for this Committee's discussion as set out in paragraph 3 above.

Secretariat to the Commission on Strategic Development
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