

**Summary of the views expressed in
the First Meeting of the Executive Committee
of the Commission on Strategic Development
held on 28 November 2005**

Hong Kong should have a vision of what it wants to become and pursue sustainable development. While economic development is of utmost importance, we should also have balanced and sustainable development on the political, social, cultural, environmental and aesthetic fronts, while continuously enhancing our competitiveness.

2. Hong Kong should be a society that inspires hope and pride among its people. Hong Kong should maintain an international and cosmopolitan perspective and continue to participate actively in international affairs and activities; be a responsible citizen in the international community; and be flexible enough to adapt effectively to changes in its internal and external environment.

3. Hong Kong people, particularly the younger generation, should be made more aware of the changing internal and external environments so that they can be more prepared for an uncertain and not necessarily benign future.

4. Specific views on economic development:

- enhance Hong Kong's economic competitiveness
- position as a "knowledge-based" economy focusing on the delivery of world-class services
- better leverage on the Mainland's economic development
- further facilitate the interflow of capital, talent, goods, information and people between the Mainland and Hong Kong
- adjust developmental strategies in line with China's Eleventh Five-Year Plan
- import talent from the Mainland and abroad
- invest heavily in higher education and research
- increase language proficiency

- serve as a major medical centre in China and the East Asian Region
- “export” legal and financial services to the Mainland and abroad
- provide a better business environment by cutting the “costs” imposed by government and bureaucracy, and adopting business-friendly tax regime
- promote sports and creative industries

5. Specific views on social development:

- pay more attention to the low value-added part of the “dual economy”
- address mismatch in the labour market
- review the land policy so that it would not hamper economic growth and create social inequities
- study the issues arising from increasing income inequality such as the polarization within the middle class, “minimum wage, standard working hours”, etc.
- pay more attention to social groups facing serious hardship and deserving particular attention, e.g. disadvantaged children and youth
- address the problem of ageing population
- ensure social stability which is essential to sustained economic and political development
- provide more support for the family
- establish a Commission on Children
- strengthen the cohesion of “The Third Side” to maintain social stability and harmony, and to serve as a bridge between the people of Hong Kong and the Central Authorities
- instill more sense of pride and responsibility to the motherland
- better protect the environment

6. Specific views on political development:

- achieve strong and effective governance
- review the present political structure to better define the division of powers between the executive and the legislature
- encourage development of political parties, particularly a “government” party
- better engage the community in the discussion of public policies; better manage public demands for social and public services to narrow the gap between public demands and fiscal capacity
- pursue democratic development in accordance with the Basic Law and having regard to Hong Kong’s prosperity and stability; build a Hong Kong-style democracy featuring openness and fairness
- ensure stability and coherence of public policies, which are essential to maintaining stability amidst dramatic social and economic changes
- provide opportunities for the “silent majority” to come out with their views in order to promote political moderation and “harmony”

7. Specific views on the mode of operation of the Committee:

- need to hold more frequent meetings to enable in-depth discussion of specific issues
- identify priority topics and set up working groups to study and discuss them, then report to the Committee for plenary discussion

8. Chief Executive’s comments:

- On sustainable development, it was essential that government policies were sustainable.
- On “minimum wage, standard working hours”, the Labour Advisory Board (LAB) should be allowed sufficient time to consider the issue but the Government would consider asking the Committee on Economic Development and Economic Cooperation with the Mainland to discuss the issue if LAB could not arrive at a consensus.

- Land was an important resource and it would be worthwhile to look into issues related to our land policy.
- The Committee on Governance and Political Development would discuss constitutional development.
- The Government would not cut back on its spending on education and training, which already accounted for about 20% of total public expenditure.
- This meeting aimed to review the pressing issues and problems facing Hong Kong, and identify the issues that were important but not yet addressed by the Government. After the meeting, the Secretariat would prepare a paper suggesting a list of priority issues that should be tackled for discussion by this Committee at the next meeting on 9 February 2006.
- Members were encouraged to tender opinions outside the meetings by mail or email to the Secretariat.

9. An attendance list is attached.

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