

Digital Economy Development Committee holds first meeting (with photos)

The Digital Economy Development Committee (DEDC), chaired by the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, held its first meeting today (July 11).

At the meeting today, Members discussed the strategy of promoting the development of the digital economy in Hong Kong. Members exchanged opinions on issues such as enabling more effective development and adoption of digital infrastructure, big data and artificial intelligence by the Government and the community; promoting the flow of data; and further fostering digital transformation, etc. Members also shared their views on various aspects of the digital economy, including application of data and information technology for economic and financial development, enhancing administration and smart city management, unleashing the potential of relevant industries, and strengthening education and manpower as well as relevant laws and regulations, etc.

Mr Chan said, "Digitalisation is an important trend which drives society towards high-quality and speedy development. The Government endeavours to strengthen the development of the digital economy, and, through tapping the wise counsel of experts and stakeholders in the industry, formulate a practical blueprint for the future and steer the directions of development. Today we had a highly constructive and insightful meeting. I thank Members for their valuable views."

Members of the DEDC include government officials of the relevant bureaux and departments, as well as experts and scholars from the industry and commerce, logistics, e-commerce, information and communications technology, and academic sectors.

The DEDC was set up pursuant to the Financial Secretary's announcement in the 2022-23 Budget. It aims to advise the Government on the development of a digital economy with a focus on the following:

- identifying key development trends, main drivers, key success factors as well as development initiatives;
- setting directions, strategies, focus areas, priorities and key performance indicators;
- formulating strategies and measures to enhance co-operation and co-ordination with key stakeholders;
- driving the growth of data services as an industry;
- formulating strategies and measures to encourage the adoption of digitalisation by different industries; and
- promoting digital government.

The membership of the Committee is as follows:

Chairman

Financial Secretary

Official Members

Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry

Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Deputy Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority

Government Economist

Government Chief Information Officer

Non-official Members (in alphabetic order)

Dr Rocky Cheng

Mr Herbert Chia

Mr Duncan Chiu

Ms Susanna Hui

Mr Sean Lee

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Mr James Li

Ms Anna Lin

Professor Helen Meng

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Mr Allen Yeung

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