

\$1m handover plan for handover

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PROSPECTIVE chairmen of the Preparatory Committee's 1,000-member group organising the handover celebration might have to fork out \$1 million for the privilege.

The PC's handover celebration panel is looking for moneyed members of the public to join the All-Sector Joint Committee to be formed next month.

A source said yesterday the panel was particularly interested in attracting members of the National People's Congress, Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and the PC.

The new body is expected to have more than 100 chairmen and vice-chairmen.

"Interested members are welcome to donate money as they wish, but it is suggested, with no written regulation, that a place as chairman would cost \$1 million and \$500,000 for a deputy chairman," the source said.

But a member of the PC handover celebration panel and chairman of the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions chairman Cheng Yiu-tong said no fixed sum was required to join the body.

The joint committee, to be set up by the PC handover celebration panel, will organise non-government celebrations for the transfer next year.