

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Non-local pregnant women giving birth in Hong Kong”
moved by Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 10 January 2007**

Motion as amended by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki and Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

“That, as the number of Mainland pregnant women giving birth in Hong Kong has multiplied since the CHONG Fung-yuen case in 2001, public hospital services are so overloaded that local pregnant women are unable to receive the public health care services to which they are entitled, and Hong Kong’s health care services, population, education, housing, social welfare, etc are also adversely affected, this Council urges the Government to immediately:

- (a) provide additional resources for the Hospital Authority to tackle the problems brought to Hong Kong’s entire public health care system by the large number of Mainland pregnant women flocking to Hong Kong to give birth, as well as to alleviate the tremendous work pressure on frontline health care workers; and
- (b) conduct a comprehensive study on the implications of the large number of Mainland pregnant women giving birth in Hong Kong on the territory’s various public services and financial commitments, and formulate feasible and effective policies and measures to re-allocate public resources, so as to resolve the problems brought about by Mainland pregnant women giving birth in Hong Kong;
- (c) collect information in order to understand the future implications on the territory of the large number of non-local pregnant women giving birth in Hong Kong;
- (d) crack down on the syndicates which arrange for the Mainlanders to overstay in Hong Kong to wait for childbirth, so as to resolve the problems brought about by non-local pregnant women giving birth in Hong Kong; and
- (e) provide additional public resources to ensure that the health care services for local pregnant women will not be affected.”