

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Retaining and supporting the development of
commercial districts and bazaars with local characteristics”
moved by Hon Vincent FANG Kang
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 17 January 2007**

**Motion as amended by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki, Hon Albert HO Chun-yan and
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum**

“That, as a number of Hong Kong’s commercial districts and bazaars with local characteristics have been relocated or cleared in recent years due to the redevelopment of old areas and hence have fallen into decline, and the existence and development of many other similar commercial districts and bazaars are also facing the same threats, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) retain the existing commercial districts and bazaars with local characteristics at the town planning stage, with their integrity and in situ development as principles as far as possible, and allow local residents and affected traders to participate in the development or renewal plans, so as to facilitate sustainable development of the economy of the community, and to enhance public consultation to allow greater public participation;
- (b) formulate special management rules and regulations to balance the need to retain such commercial districts and bazaars and that for urban development and environmental hygiene; and
- (c) make reference to the practices of major cities in the Mainland and overseas, such as Singapore’s Chinatown, London’s Covent Garden and Shunde’s Old Town district, and provide support and assistance through various policy bureaux for the development of such distinctive commercial districts and bazaars, so as to enhance their vitality, promote the local business economy and ensure that local characteristics are passed on.”