

(Translation)

Motion on
“Policies on sustainable urban development and green buildings”
moved by Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 23 May 2007

Wording of the Motion

“That, in view of the United Nations’ earlier warning that within this century, global warming will cause hundreds of millions of people to face disasters such as fresh water shortage, famine, flooding, diseases, and the rise in sea level will even pose a threat to the coastal lands in Asia including the Pearl River Delta region, from which Hong Kong can hardly be immune; in order to alleviate the greenhouse effect arising from imbalanced urban development and to eliminate the adverse effects of undesirable high-density building developments on weather and the environment, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously formulate and implement policies on sustainable urban development and green buildings, including:

- (a) reviewing the existing legislation relating to urban planning and buildings, and introducing sustainable planning and green building principles;
- (b) studying the formulation of a Code of Practice for introducing a ‘green building labelling’ system, and fully assessing the environmental performance of buildings during the design stage and after their being put to use on the basis of energy efficiency, greening ratio, air ventilation, renewable energy, household waste treatment and design parameters which are conducive to good weather and urban environment; and
- (c) the Government and public organizations taking the lead in fully applying the relevant policies to both new and existing public buildings, educating the public, and offering incentives to actively promote market compliance,

so as to alleviate the impact of global warming on Hong Kong and to build a pleasant city which is sustainable through the implementation of policies on urban development and green buildings that are conducive to good weather and environment.”