

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Developing environmental industries to create job opportunities”
moved by Hon KWONG Chi-kin
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 4 July 2007**

Motion as amended by Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung

“That, as the increasing amount of waste in Hong Kong in recent years has exerted heavy pressure on landfills and the over-exploitation of global resources has led to tight supply of certain resources, such objective conditions have created opportunities for the development of environmental industries; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to formulate a comprehensive policy on environmental industries, which includes:

- (a) expeditiously implementing the Producer Responsibility Scheme to develop the work processes and economic activities relating to the recovery, disassembling, and recycling and reuse of resources;
- (b) strengthening publicity and education to enhance public awareness of waste separation, so as to increase the types and amount of recovered waste;
- (c) comprehensively implementing separation and recovery of wet and dry waste so as to pave the way for the recycling and reuse of commercial and domestic food waste; for example, the Government procures fertilizers converted from locally recovered food waste for use on plants grown in gardens and on roadsides;
- (d) retaining and setting up recovery stations and complementary facilities for wet and dry waste in various districts to facilitate the waste collectors’ midway collection, sorting and transportation of waste;
- (e) expediting the vetting and approval work of the tendering of the EcoPark to facilitate the development of recycling industries and expeditiously taking forward Phase II of the EcoPark development plan;
- (f) establishing a high-level inter-departmental industries facilitation council to formulate more effective strategies to support environmental recovery industries;
- (g) implementing a green procurement policy and requiring all departments and contractors to comply with it, so as to provide a steady outlet for green products and services; and implementing a green certification system for such products and services to facilitate the Government, private organizations and the public to identify those green products and services that meet the certification requirements when making procurement;
- (h) subsidizing the research and development of environmental industries, upgrading the technology, as well as improving the production environment of such

industries, and building up a professional image for the industries, so as to attract more people to take up the related work; and

- (i) assisting small and medium enterprises to participate in those environmental industries with prospects, and allowing social enterprises to join in, on the premise that they do not compete with the private sector for profits,

thereby promoting the economic development of environmental industries and creating related job opportunities.”