

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Sharing the fruits of economic growth by all the people”
moved by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 30 January 2008**

Motion as amended by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

“That, as the fiscal surplus for this financial year is expected to be unprecedentedly huge, this Council urges that the Government must effectively utilize the huge surplus and share the fruits of economic growth with all the people of Hong Kong and, in addition to those tax reliefs already announced by the Chief Executive, should also make enhanced efforts in returning wealth to the people, alleviating the burden of tax and rates on the public, promoting respect for the elderly and the work of alleviating poverty and helping the disadvantaged, as well as expediting the implementation of infrastructure projects to invest for the future; the relevant measures must include:

- (a) providing tax rebate of at least 50% of salaries tax, subject to a ceiling of not less than \$15,000;
- (b) further widening the tax bands and reducing the marginal rates for salaries tax;
- (c) increasing the child allowance and tax allowance for newborn babies;
- (d) raising the dependent parent/grandparent allowance, and relaxing the requirement of living together for the purpose of claiming tax deduction;
- (e) allocating more resources to the Hospital Authority to improve the situation of inadequate resources among hospital clusters;
- (f) allocating additional funds to recruit front-line doctors and retain senior doctors, so as to implement the reform on the working hours of doctors and improve health care services;
- (g) allocating substantial additional funds to improve psychiatric treatment, rehabilitation and support services for which resources are seriously inadequate for a long time;
- (h) increasing the amount of health care vouchers for the elderly and lowering the eligibility age for such vouchers, and introducing dental care vouchers for the elderly;
- (i) actively helping the disadvantaged groups;
- (j) removing the restrictions on the usage of pre-primary education vouchers;

- (k) expediting the implementation of infrastructure projects to boost Hong Kong's competitiveness and create more jobs;
- (l) expediting and increasing the provision of community facilities; and
- (m) providing sufficient incentives and impetus to promote the development of new and high-tech industries as well as creative industries.”