

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Strengthening the prevention of communicable diseases
for children and the elderly”
moved by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 7 May 2008**

Motion as amended by Hon LI Kwok-ying

“That, in the face of continuous threat of influenza and also a possibility that a number of communicable diseases may break out in Hong Kong, and given that children and the elderly are high-risk groups whose health may be more seriously affected by these communicable diseases, this Council urges the Government to strengthen the prevention and control of communicable diseases; expand the coverage of immunisation against such diseases, including providing free influenza vaccination for all elderly people and children, as well as reviewing the Childhood Immunisation Programme and studying the introduction of new vaccines in the light of the development of communicable diseases and vaccines; review the existing infection control measures in kindergartens, schools, residential care homes for the elderly, medical institutions and public facilities with high pedestrian flow and allocate more resources for these institutions to improve the prevention and control of communicable diseases; improve environmental hygiene, including strengthening anti-rodent and anti-mosquito efforts; and step up education to enhance the awareness of personal hygiene, so as to reduce the risk of the public being infected with communicable diseases.”