

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Enhancing co-operation with Macao
in developing the tourism industry”
moved by Hon James TIEN Pei-chun
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 7 November 2007**

Motion as amended by Hon WONG Kwok-hing and Hon SIN Chung-kai

“That, in view of the rapid development of the tourism industry in Hong Kong and Macao in recent years, indicating that there is immense room for co-operation between the two places, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously adopt measures to enhance the co-operation and sharing of experience with Macao on the tourism front, with a view to fostering the long-term development of Hong Kong’s tourism industry and achieving a win-win situation with Macao; such measures should include:

- (a) appealing to the Central Government for the issuance of a single exit endorsement for visiting Hong Kong and Macao under the Individual Visit Scheme, so as to facilitate Mainland travellers in visiting the two places on the same trip;
- (b) using an automated clearance system to shorten the immigration clearance time for Hong Kong people at the Macao control point, so as to make available more space to facilitate immigration clearance of other travellers;
- (c) strengthening co-operation with the relevant authorities in Macao and Guangdong Province in sharing the advanced management expertise of the hotel and tourism sectors, as well as training middle and senior management professionals for the two sectors, so as to enable the professionals of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao to develop at the same pace and serve the tourism industry of their respective regions, in order to meet the development needs of the tourism industry in the three places; and
- (d) vigorously advocating and promoting honest tourism, as well as enhancing the professional management in various areas such as hotel, tourism, catering, retailing, etc, thereby boosting the attractiveness of Hong Kong and Macao tours and increasing travellers’ duration of stay and spending in Hong Kong; and
- (e) increasing the number of middle and senior management professionals trained locally for the hotel sector and upgrading the quality of training, in order to enhance the service quality of the tourism industry while meeting the regional demand.”