(Translation)

Motion on "Consolidating the quality of post-secondary education" moved by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum at the Legislative Council meeting of Wednesday, 21 November 2007

Motion as amended by Hon TAM Yiu-chung

"That, as the over expansion of sub-degree places in recent years has led to varied programme quality and the qualifications not being given due recognition, which have affected the graduates' further studies and employment, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously implement measures to improve the quality of sub-degree education and increase the articulation opportunities for sub-degree graduates, which include:

- (a) establishing a transparent quality assurance mechanism to ensure that the admission criteria of sub-degree programmes and exit performance of the graduates meet the required standards, and expeditiously clarifying the level of sub-degree qualifications in the Qualifications Framework and widely publicizing it to the employers, so as to enhance the recognition of sub-degree qualifications;
- (b) increasing the number of subsidized articulation places in local universities to eliminate the worsening bottleneck in further studies; and
- (c) improving the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students to enable sub-degree graduates to receive subsidies for enrolment in articulation degree programmes with assured quality and recognized qualifications, and grant scholarships to sub-degree graduates with outstanding performance, so as to increase their articulation opportunities."