

(Translation)

**Motion on “Establishing a geological park
in the eastern part of the New Territories”
moved by Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming
at the Legislative Council meeting
commencing on Wednesday, 19 December 2007**

Motion as amended by Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee and Hon LI Kwok-ying

“That, as the eastern part of the New Territories has a unique geological environment but the SAR Government does not attach much importance to it, this Council urges the Government to put forward proactive conservation proposals and plan the area according to the principle of sustainable development, including protecting the unique, rare and spectacular geological features of the area and, in particular, safeguarding the stone columns and stone walls with rhyolitic columnar joints, which are found in Sai Kung but rare in the world, from being damaged in the future, the Government should request the Central Government to apply to the United Nations for listing the site as a World Natural Heritage Site and, taking into account the area’s ecological carrying capacity and modelling on a marine park, develop the eastern part of the New Territories into a geological park of conservation, science popularization and eco-tourism value, as well as to make recommendation to the Central Government to strive for its grading as a national geological park and apply to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for its listing as a world geological park.”