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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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Motion on
“Comprehensively reviewing the role and functions
of the University Grants Committee”

Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing has given notice to move the attached motion on “Comprehensively reviewing the role and functions of the University Grants Committee” at the Council meeting of 18 March 2009. The President has directed that “it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in” on the Agenda of the Council.

(Mrs Justina LAM)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

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(Translation)

Motion on
“Comprehensively reviewing the role and functions
of the University Grants Committee”
to be moved by Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 18 March 2009

Wording of the Motion

That, as the international trend is that more and more countries, including the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Singapore, etc, have abolished their university grants committee mechanism, this Council urges the Government to comprehensively review the role and functions of the University Grants Committee of Hong Kong, with a view to optimizing the academic quality of local universities as well as the quality of their scientific researches, including:

- (a) complementing the switch to the ‘334’ academic structure, fostering the interface between local universities and the top universities in the world, and strengthening mutual academic exchange and co-operation in scientific researches;
- (b) improving the mechanism for approving research funding, abandoning the vetting criterion of giving emphasis to quantity rather than quality, ensuring academic freedom, and promoting research studies which meet the needs of the local community;
- (c) allocating more funds to provide subsidized undergraduate places and for the universities to determine the intake of associate degree graduates and the number of undergraduate places that need to be substantially increased after the academic structure reform; and
- (d) promoting the development and construction of campuses under the principle of university autonomy, and developing Hong Kong into the education hub of Asia.