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**Proposed amendments to motion on
“Developing new economic strategies to meet economic challenges”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 495/08-09 issued on 16 April 2009, five Members (Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, Hon LEE Wing-tat, Hon WONG Kwok-hing, Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee and Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee’s motion on “Developing new economic strategies to meet economic challenges” scheduled for the Council meeting of 29 April 2009. As directed by the President, the respective proposed amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. To assist Members in debating the above motion and amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) Hon Mrs Regina IP moves her motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Mrs Regina IP’s motion, and orders a joint debate;
- (c) the President calls on the five Members, who intend to move amendments, to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon Audrey EU;
 - (ii) Hon LEE Wing-tat;

- (iii) Hon WONG Kwok-hing;
 - (iv) Hon Miriam LAU; and
 - (v) Hon Cyd HO;
- (d) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak;
 - (e) joint debate on the motion and the amendments follows thereafter;
 - (f) the President gives leave to Hon Mrs Regina IP to speak for the second time on the amendments;
 - (g) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) again to speak;
 - (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the five Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon Audrey EU to move her amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon Audrey EU's amendment;
 - (i) after Hon Audrey EU's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other four amendments; and
 - (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Mrs Regina IP to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Mrs Regina IP's motion, or her motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' ease of reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

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for Clerk to the Legislative Council

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(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Developing new economic strategies to meet economic challenges”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 29 April 2009**

1. Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee’s original motion

That, as Hong Kong’s short-term and long-term economic development will face enormous challenges, with short-term challenges arising from the global financial tsunami and the economy entering recession; while in the long term, with the industries in the Pearl River Delta gradually transforming and upgrading, the enterprises in Hong Kong are facing big challenges and the risk of being hollowed out, coupled with the fact that the State Council has decided to develop Shanghai into an international financial centre, the competitive edge of Hong Kong’s traditional economic pillars, including finance, trading and logistics, tourism as well as the related service sectors, etc, is on the wane, Hong Kong must therefore promote new economic strategies which can create higher economic value, and the Task Force on Economic Challenges headed by the Chief Executive also announced earlier its decision to develop industries including those based on innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures to develop these new industries:

- (a) formulating long-term and practicable development strategies for the new industries and implementing them in a down-to-earth manner to ensure that the new industries will not become ‘empty talks’;
- (b) drawing reference from the successful experience of countries such as the United Kingdom, Korea and Australia, etc, for example, setting up a policy bureau to promote innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries, fully co-ordinate work in these areas and restructure the organization of the various policy bureaux to achieve a more rational distribution of work among them;
- (c) making good use of the land available for development in the Lok Ma Chau Loop and the North East New Territories, putting emphasis on supporting the development of innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries, and utilizing the geographical advantage to complement the development of the Pearl River Delta so as to achieve synergy; and
- (d) recruiting talents from the private sector, making good use of society’s resources and introducing new ideas to ensure that the new industries will not lose vitality due to the Government’s bureaucratic way of doing things.

2. Motion as amended by Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee

That, ~~as~~ *the economy of Hong Kong lacks diversification in recent years, which aggravates the disparity between the rich and the poor as well as undermines social mobility, and* Hong Kong's short-term and long-term economic development will face enormous challenges, with short-term challenges arising from the global financial tsunami and the economy entering recession; while in the long term, with the industries in the Pearl River Delta gradually transforming and upgrading, the enterprises in Hong Kong are facing big challenges and the risk of being hollowed out, coupled with the fact that *China and ASEAN will form a free trade area and* the State Council has decided to develop Shanghai into an international financial centre, the competitive edge of Hong Kong's traditional economic pillars, including finance, trading and logistics, tourism as well as the related service sectors, etc, is on the wane, Hong Kong must therefore promote new economic strategies which can create higher economic value *and benefit various social strata*, and the Task Force on Economic Challenges headed by the Chief Executive also announced earlier its decision to develop industries including those based on innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures to develop these new industries:

- (a) formulating long-term and practicable development strategies for the new industries and implementing them in a down-to-earth manner to ensure that the new industries will not become 'empty talks';
- (b) drawing reference from the successful experience of countries such as the United Kingdom, Korea and Australia, etc, for example, ~~setting up a policy bureau to promote~~ *assigning the work relating to the promotion of* innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries, ~~fully co-ordinate work in these areas and restructure~~ *to suitable policy bureaux or assigning the work to a higher-level body for overall co-ordination and setting up new policy bureaux in respect of individual areas of the innovative industry or cultural industry as necessary, as well as restructuring* the organization of the various policy bureaux to achieve a more rational distribution of work among them;
- (c) making good use of the land available for development in the Lok Ma Chau Loop and the North East New Territories, putting emphasis on supporting the development of innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries, and utilizing the geographical advantage to complement the development of the Pearl River Delta so as to achieve synergy; ~~and~~
- (d) recruiting talents from the private sector, making good use of society's resources and introducing new ideas to ensure that the new industries will not lose vitality due to the Government's bureaucratic way of doing things;

- (e) *studying the impact of the establishment of China-ASEAN Free Trade Area on Hong Kong, and formulating corresponding strategies;*
- (f) *while developing new industries, exploring the creation of more jobs that are related to the new industries for non-skilled workers, so that sufficient employment opportunities are available to such workers; and*
- (g) *improving the education and training systems to provide more talents for the new industries, and promoting a social climate that respects talents engaging in scientific and technological research and creative work, so as to attract the young generation to join the new industries.*

Note: Hon Audrey EU's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon LEE Wing-tat

That, ~~as~~ *the community is increasingly concerned about how to develop local culture and arts, and* Hong Kong's short-term and long-term economic development will face enormous challenges, with short-term challenges arising from the global financial tsunami and the economy entering recession; while in the long term, with the industries in the Pearl River Delta gradually transforming and upgrading, the enterprises in Hong Kong are facing big challenges and the risk of being hollowed out, coupled with the fact that the State Council has decided to develop Shanghai into an international financial centre, the competitive edge of Hong Kong's traditional economic pillars, including finance, trading and logistics, tourism as well as the related service sectors, etc, is on the wane, Hong Kong must therefore promote new economic strategies which can create higher economic value and the Task Force on Economic Challenges headed by the Chief Executive also announced earlier its decision to develop industries including those based on innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures to develop these new industries:

- (a) formulating long-term and practicable development strategies for the new industries and implementing them in a down-to-earth manner to ensure that the new industries will not become 'empty talks';
- (b) drawing reference from the successful experience of countries such as the United Kingdom, Korea and Australia, etc, for example, setting up a policy bureau to promote innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries, fully co-ordinate work in these areas and restructure the organization of the various policy bureaux to achieve a more rational distribution of work among them;

- (c) making good use of the land available for development in the Lok Ma Chau Loop and the North East New Territories, putting emphasis on supporting the development of innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries, and utilizing the geographical advantage to complement the development of the Pearl River Delta so as to achieve synergy; ~~and~~
- (d) recruiting talents from the private sector, making good use of society's resources and introducing new ideas to ensure that the new industries will not lose vitality due to the Government's bureaucratic way of doing things;
- (e) *reviewing the current subsidies on cultural arts provided by the Government so as to nurture budding performing arts groups and, apart from subsidizing performing arts, extending the scope of subsidies to other forms of arts such as literature or installation arts, etc, thereby enabling arts development in Hong Kong to be more diversified and fostering a social culture which is conducive to promoting the development of the creative industry;*
- (f) *increasing the opportunities for local artists to display their works, including improving the management and operation mode of cultural venues as well as the operation of their supporting facilities, and providing more exhibition space to enable artists to have more opportunities to display their works to the public, thereby enhancing their popularity and augmenting the economic contributions of the cultural and creative industries;*
- (g) *promoting public art and increasing the display of art works in public space or at venues other than museums and art galleries to enable the community and the public to enjoy more local art works, so that cultural arts can integrate into the community to nurture the local audience, thereby boosting the development of cultural and creative industries; and*
- (h) *opening up public service broadcasting to promote and encourage public participation in the diversified broadcasting businesses, and setting up radio and television channels for use by the public, so as to boost the creative industry through broadcasting businesses.*

Note: Hon LEE Wing-tat's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

4. Motion as amended by Hon WONG Kwok-hing

That, *the 2009 Blue Book on Urban Competitiveness released recently by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences points out that Hong Kong ranked first in terms of overall competitiveness among the 294 cities at prefecture level or above in*

China, but its competitiveness in certain aspects has declined, and as Hong Kong's short-term and long-term economic development will face enormous challenges, with short-term challenges arising from the global financial tsunami and the economy entering recession; while in the long term, with the industries in the Pearl River Delta gradually transforming and upgrading, the enterprises in Hong Kong are facing big challenges and the risk of being hollowed out, coupled with the fact that the State Council has decided to develop Shanghai into an international financial centre, the competitive edge of Hong Kong's traditional economic pillars, including finance, trading and logistics, tourism as well as the related service sectors, etc, is on the wane, Hong Kong must therefore promote new economic strategies which can create higher economic value and the Task Force on Economic Challenges headed by the Chief Executive also announced earlier its decision to develop industries including those based on innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures to develop these new industries:

- (a) formulating long-term and practicable development strategies for the new industries and implementing them in a down-to-earth manner to ensure that the new industries will not become 'empty talks', ***including examining the provision of tax concession and land assistance as well as how to make good use of vacant factory buildings, constructing infrastructural facilities, opening up areas for research and development, as well as nurturing relevant talents, etc;***
- (b) drawing reference from the successful experience of countries such as the United Kingdom, Korea and Australia, etc, for example, setting up a policy bureau to promote innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries, fully co-ordinate work in these areas and restructure the organization of the various policy bureaux to achieve a more rational distribution of work among them;
- (c) ***providing one-stop support services to centrally process all applications relating to the creative industry, including those for licences required for setting up business, government subsidy and tax concession, etc;***
- (d) making good use of the land available for development in the Lok Ma Chau Loop and the North East New Territories, putting emphasis on supporting the development of innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries, and utilizing the geographical advantage to complement the development of the Pearl River Delta so as to achieve synergy; and
- ~~(d)~~(e) recruiting talents from the private sector, making good use of society's resources and introducing new ideas to ensure that the new industries will not lose vitality due to the Government's bureaucratic way of doing things.

Note: Hon WONG Kwok-hing's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.

5. Motion as amended by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye

That, ~~as Hong Kong's short-term and long-term economic development will face~~ ***the economy of Hong Kong is facing*** enormous challenges, with short-term challenges arising from the global financial tsunami and the economy entering recession; while in the long term, with the industries in the Pearl River Delta gradually transforming and upgrading, the enterprises in Hong Kong are facing big challenges and the risk of being hollowed out, coupled with the fact that the State Council has decided to develop Shanghai into an international financial centre, the competitive edge of Hong Kong's traditional economic pillars, including finance, trading and logistics, tourism as well as the related service sectors, etc, is on the wane, Hong Kong must therefore ~~promote new economic strategies which can create~~ ***devise novel means to strengthen and consolidate the development of the four traditional pillar industries and actively develop new industries, so as to formulate new economic strategies which can promote economic development and create employment as well as*** higher economic value, and the Task Force on Economic Challenges headed by the Chief Executive also announced earlier its decision to develop industries including those based on innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures to develop ~~these new industries~~ ***new economic strategies***:

- (a) formulating long-term and practicable development strategies for ***the pillar industries and*** the new industries and implementing them in a down-to-earth manner to ensure that ***the pillar industries can further develop and*** the new industries will not become 'empty talks';
- (b) drawing reference from the successful experience of ~~countries such as the United Kingdom, Korea and Australia, etc, for example, setting up a policy bureau to promote innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries, fully co-ordinate work in these areas and~~ ***overseas countries, and examining ways to strengthen the co-operation among various administrative departments so as to solve problems such as fragmented administration and unclear delineation of powers and responsibilities, etc, and when necessary,*** restructure the organization of the various policy bureaux to achieve a more rational distribution of work among them;
- (c) making good use of the land available for development in the Lok Ma Chau Loop and the North East New Territories, ~~putting emphasis on supporting the development of innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries~~ ***to complement the implementation of new economic strategies,*** and utilizing the geographical advantage to complement the development of the Pearl River Delta so as to achieve synergy; and

- (d) recruiting talents from the private sector, making good use of society's resources and introducing new ideas to ensure that the new industries will not lose vitality due to the Government's bureaucratic way of doing things.

Note: Hon Miriam LAU's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

6. Motion as amended by Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

That, as Hong Kong's short-term and long-term economic development will face enormous challenges, with short-term challenges arising from the global financial tsunami and the economy entering recession; while in the long term, with the industries in the Pearl River Delta gradually transforming and upgrading, the enterprises in Hong Kong are facing big challenges and the risk of being hollowed out, coupled with the fact that the State Council has decided to develop Shanghai into an international financial centre, the competitive edge of Hong Kong's traditional economic pillars, including finance, trading and logistics, tourism as well as the related service sectors, etc, is on the wane, Hong Kong must therefore promote new economic strategies which can create higher economic value and the Task Force on Economic Challenges headed by the Chief Executive also announced earlier its decision to develop industries including those based on innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures to develop these new industries:

- (a) formulating long-term and practicable development strategies for the new industries and implementing them in a down-to-earth manner to ensure that the new industries will not become 'empty talks';
- (b) drawing reference from the successful experience of countries such as the United Kingdom, Korea and Australia, etc, for example, setting up a policy bureau to promote innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries, fully co-ordinate work in these areas and restructure the organization of the various policy bureaux to achieve a more rational distribution of work among them;
- (c) making good use of the land available for development in the Lok Ma Chau Loop and the North East New Territories *while the original way of living of the residents must be protected during the development process*, putting emphasis on supporting the development of innovation and technology as well as cultural and creative industries, and utilizing the geographical advantage to complement the development of the Pearl River Delta so as to achieve synergy; and

- (d) recruiting talents from the private sector, ~~making~~ ***to set up a steering committee to monitor whether the authorities are making*** good use of society's resources and introducing new ideas to ensure that the new industries will not lose vitality due to the Government's bureaucratic way of doing things.

Note: Hon Cyd HO's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.