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**Proposed amendments to motion on
“Promoting green economy”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 511/08-09 issued on 21 April 2009, four Members (Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, Hon CHAN Hak-kan, Hon KAM Nai-wai and Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit’s motion on “Promoting green economy” scheduled for the Council meeting of 6 May 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 Alan LEONG moves his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Alan LEONG’s motion, and orders a joint debate;
- (c) the President calls on the four Members, who intend to move amendments, to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon Andrew LEUNG;
 - (ii) Hon CHAN Hak-kan;

- (iii) Hon KAM Nai-wai; and
- (iv) Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG;
- (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 Alan LEONG 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 four Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon Andrew LEUNG to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon Andrew LEUNG's amendment;
- (i) after Hon Andrew LEUNG's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other three amendments; and
- (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Alan LEONG to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Alan LEONG's motion, or his 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

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Promoting green economy”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 6 May 2009**

1. Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit’s original motion

That this Council urges the Government to take the following specific actions to promote green economy, so that it will become an economic driver of Hong Kong’s future development to create employment opportunities on the one hand, and at the same time reverse the trend of deterioration in the environment:

- (a) making reference to the recommendations in the global report released by the United Nations Environment Programme in February this year and the Central Government’s scale of investment, allocating at least an additional HK\$30 billion in this and next year to develop green economy, and focusing efforts on five areas, namely energy for health, green buildings, sustainable transport, circular economy and resource productivity, to create more employment opportunities;
- (b) expeditiously upgrading Hong Kong’s environmental quality standards for air, potable water, effluent discharge, energy and land use, so as to expand the markets for local green products and professional services and promote green trade;
- (c) assuming the role of leader in green economy to enhance the requirements of government departments for green procurement and implement such requirements within the current year; and
- (d) making optimal use of the existing foundation laid by scientific research on environmental protection to foster public and private investment in scientific research on green products, with a view to turning the achievements of Hong Kong’s scientific research into commodities that are beneficial to the Earth.

2. Motion as amended by Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen

That, *the Financial Secretary has proposed in the Budget this year that promoting investments and economic activities that protect the environment and save energy will put the overall economy on a more sustainable path*, this Council urges the Government to take the following specific actions to promote green economy, so that it will become an economic driver of Hong Kong’s future development to create employment opportunities *and reduce the costs of energy and materials of the*

community and enterprises on the one hand, and at the same time reverse the trend of deterioration in the environment *and enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness*:

- (a) making reference to the recommendations in the global report released by the United Nations Environment Programme in February this year and the Central Government's scale of investment, allocating at least an additional HK\$30 billion in this and next year to develop green economy, and focusing efforts on five areas, namely energy for health, green buildings, sustainable transport, circular economy and resource productivity, to create more employment opportunities;
- (b) expeditiously upgrading Hong Kong's environmental quality standards for air, potable water, effluent discharge, energy and land use, so as to expand the markets for local green products and professional services and promote green trade;
- (c) assuming the role of leader in green economy to enhance the requirements of government departments for green procurement and implement such requirements within the current year; ~~and~~
- (d) making optimal use of the existing foundation laid by scientific research on environmental protection to foster public and private investment in scientific research on green products, with a view to turning the achievements of Hong Kong's scientific research into commodities that are beneficial to the Earth;
- (e) *providing greater economic incentives and more encouragement to attract the transportation industry and the public to use electric vehicles;*
- (f) *expeditiously introducing a financial assistance scheme to assist local property owners and enterprises in formulating energy-saving targets and undertaking initiatives to reduce carbon dioxide emissions; and*
- (g) *organizing the environmental services sector and the recycling industry in Hong Kong and increasing the assistance for them, so as to provide employment opportunities for low-skilled workers; considering establishing social enterprises to provide environmental and recycling services, and providing subsidies and appropriate complementary arrangements for such enterprises, with a view to fully maximizing the benefits of the EcoPark.*

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

3. Motion as amended by Hon CHAN Hak-kan

That, *as the financial tsunami and climate change are prevailing global problems of high priority to be tackled by governments worldwide, and the United Nations Environment Programme has also advocated a Global Green New Deal to revive the world economy, reduce carbon dependency and mitigate ecosystem degradation, hence* this Council urges the Government to take the following specific actions to promote green economy, so that it will become an economic driver of Hong Kong's future development to create employment opportunities on the one hand, and at the same time reverse the trend of deterioration in the environment:

- (a) making reference to the recommendations in the global report released by the United Nations Environment Programme in February this year and the Central Government's scale of investment, allocating ~~at least an additional HK\$30 billion in this and next year~~ *additional resources in this and next year and introducing tax incentives and encouragement policies* to develop green economy, and focusing efforts on five areas, namely energy for health, green buildings, sustainable transport, circular economy and resource productivity, to create more employment opportunities;
- (b) expeditiously upgrading Hong Kong's environmental quality standards for air, potable water, effluent discharge, energy and land use, so as to expand the markets for local green products and professional services and promote green trade;
- (c) *establishing an emissions trading platform and expeditiously enacting relevant legislation to develop Hong Kong into a centre for emissions trading;*
- (d) assuming the role of leader in green economy ~~to enhance~~, *formulating a certification mechanism and labelling scheme for green products, and enhancing* the requirements of government departments for green procurement ~~and implement such requirements~~ within the current year; ~~and~~
- ~~(d)~~(e) making optimal use of the existing foundation laid by scientific research on environmental protection to foster public and private investment in scientific research on green products, with a view to turning the achievements of Hong Kong's scientific research into commodities that are beneficial to the Earth;
- (f) *adopting more pro-active measures to strengthen the conservation of natural environment, as well as further developing Hong Kong's ecotourism through effective tourism management; and*
- (g) *making optimal use of the restored landfills to facilitate the production of renewable energy and promote the development of other environmental enterprises in Hong Kong.*

Note: Hon CHAN Hak-kan's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

4. Motion as amended by Hon KAM Nai-wai

That, *the quality of Hong Kong's environment keeps deteriorating in recent years, coupled with the dire lack of government input into the environmental protection industry*, this Council urges the Government to take the following specific actions to promote green economy, so that it will become an economic driver of Hong Kong's future development to create employment opportunities on the one hand, and at the same time reverse the trend of deterioration in the environment:

- (a) making reference to the recommendations in the global report released by the United Nations Environment Programme in February this year and the Central Government's scale of investment, allocating at least an additional HK\$30 billion in this and next year to develop green economy, and focusing efforts on five areas, namely energy for health, green buildings, sustainable transport, circular economy and resource productivity, to create more employment opportunities;
- (b) expeditiously upgrading Hong Kong's environmental quality standards for air, potable water, effluent discharge, energy and land use, so as to expand the markets for local green products and professional services and promote green trade;
- (c) assuming the role of leader in green economy to enhance the requirements of government departments for green procurement and implement such requirements within the current year; ~~and~~
- (d) *complementing the promotion of green economy through policy changes, including, in the transport aspect, providing subsidies for franchised bus companies to replace old vehicles;*
- (e) *providing relevant facilities for the introduction of electric vehicles, including providing adequate charging apparatuses and constructing plants for manufacturing vehicle batteries;*
- (f) *operating the EcoPark in the mode of an industrial estate, flexibly adjusting the areas of lands for lease according to the needs of the applicants, and leasing the lands at low rents so as to attract investors in the environmental protection industry;*
- (g) *encouraging the development of a waste recovery economy, establishing a licensing regime for waste collectors and providing operation space, tax concession as well as technical support for waste collectors; and*

- (h) making optimal use of the existing foundation laid by scientific research on environmental protection to foster public and private investment in scientific research on green products, with a view to turning the achievements of Hong Kong's scientific research into commodities that are beneficial to the Earth.

Note: Hon KAM Nai-wai's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

5. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun

That this Council urges the Government to take ~~the following~~ specific actions to promote green economy, so that it will become ~~an economic~~ *the* driver of Hong Kong's future *economic* development to create employment opportunities ~~on the one hand, and at the same time~~ *and* reverse the trend of deterioration in the environment; *at the same time, the Government should popularize the concept of green economy through education and publicity, so that members from different strata of the community can participate in the promotion of green economy; the specific measures are as follows:*

- (a) making reference to the recommendations in the global report released by the United Nations Environment Programme in February this year and the Central Government's scale of investment, allocating at least an additional HK\$30 billion in this and next year to develop green economy, and focusing efforts on five areas, namely energy for health, green buildings, sustainable transport, circular economy and resource productivity, ~~to create more employment opportunities;~~
- (b) expeditiously upgrading Hong Kong's environmental quality standards for air, potable water, effluent discharge, energy and land use, so as to expand the markets for local green products and professional services and promote green trade;
- (c) assuming the role of leader in green economy ~~to enhance the requirements of government departments for green procurement and implement such requirements within the current year;~~ *and encouraging government departments to accord priority to the procurement of green products in a comprehensive manner;*
- (d) *implementing across the board 'a certification scheme for green products' and 'a green labelling system' to encourage the industrial sector to proactively develop green products;*
- (e) making optimal use of the existing foundation laid by scientific research on environmental protection to foster public and private investment in scientific

research on green products, with a view to turning the achievements of Hong Kong's scientific research into commodities that are beneficial to the Earth;

- (f) *establishing an 'advisory committee on green economy' and appointing representatives from different industries to sit on it, turning the notion of green economy into different types of front-line jobs so as to create more employment opportunities, and assisting the entire population in boarding the express train of green economy; and*
- (g) *enhancing education and publicity to instil the concept of green living in the public.*

Note: Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.