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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Motion on
“Promoting research and development”**

Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou has given notice to move the attached motion on “Promoting research and development” at the Council meeting of 3 June 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
“Promoting research and development”
to be moved by Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 3 June 2009**

Wording of the Motion

That the Task Force on Economic Challenges has identified six economic areas where Hong Kong enjoys clear advantages as the targets of focal development to boost Hong Kong's economic growth and provide job opportunities, and in order to successfully promote the development of these economic areas, Hong Kong must lay a solid foundation for research and development ('R&D'); in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) set up committees to make recommendations on policies and various complementary measures for promoting R&D, for implementation by bureaux;
- (b) consolidate and coordinate the existing relevant policies as well as the structures and resources of various related public organizations, so as to more effectively boost Hong Kong's technological R&D business;
- (c) through education and publicity, foster an atmosphere that emphasizes technological research and innovation;
- (d) take the lead in allocating more funding to enhance the capability of technological research, and stipulate the interim and long-term targets that government funding in R&D shall represent a certain proportion of local gross domestic product;
- (e) establish negotiation platforms in conjunction with Guangdong Province and other regions in the Mainland to achieve complementarity of edge, maximal application of R&D results and effective protection of intellectual property;
- (f) formulate policies for nurturing local talents in R&D and systematically bring in overseas professionals under the principle of giving priority to local talents;
- (g) introduce tax concessions and other incentives to encourage private organizations to invest in R&D work in Hong Kong; and
- (h) make optimal use of the land of the existing industrial estates and science park, etc, and expeditiously develop the land in the boundary districts between Hong Kong and Shenzhen for the purposes of technological R&D and talent training, so as to facilitate the establishment of industry clusters.