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**Proposed amendments to motion on
“Raising the limit of university places for
publicly-funded bachelor’s degree programmes”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 186/08-09 issued on 27 November 2008, three Members (Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong, Hon IP Kwok-him and Hon CHAN Tanya) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Starry LEE Wai-king’s motion on “Raising the limit of university places for publicly-funded bachelor’s degree programmes” scheduled for the Council meeting of 10 December 2008. 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 Starry LEE Wai-king moves her motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Starry LEE Wai-king’s motion, and orders a joint debate;
- (c) the President calls on the three Members, who intend to move amendments, to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong;
 - (ii) Hon IP Kwok-him; and
 - (iii) Hon CHAN Tanya;

- (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 Starry LEE Wai-king 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 three Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong's amendment;
- (i) after Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other two amendments; and
- (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Starry LEE Wai-king to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Starry LEE Wai-king'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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Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Raising the limit of university places for
publicly-funded bachelor’s degree programmes”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 10 December 2008**

1. Hon Starry LEE Wai-king’s original motion

“That, in the face of globalization and being an international city, Hong Kong must enhance the integrated competitiveness of its population and upgrade the academic qualifications of young people, and in order to match the development of a knowledge-based economy, this Council urges the Government to raise the limit of university places for publicly-funded bachelor’s degree programmes to allow more students who meet the university admission requirements to enrol in publicly-funded degree programmes, so as to ease the long-standing shortage of articulation places in bachelor’s degree programmes for sub-degree graduates, and at the same time, encourage the provision of more private university places to alleviate problems such as the worsening bottleneck in respect of university places available to secondary school graduates upon the implementation of the ‘3+3+4’ academic structure.”

2. Motion as amended by Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

“That, *the university admission rate in Hong Kong has long been lower than the levels of major countries and regions in Europe, America and Asia, and in the face of competition under* globalization and being an international city, Hong Kong must enhance the integrated competitiveness of its population and upgrade the academic qualifications *and education level* of young people, and in order to match the development of a knowledge-based economy, this Council urges the Government to raise the limit of university places for publicly-funded bachelor’s degree programmes *and increase the corresponding student hostel places* to allow more students who meet the ~~university admission~~ requirements to enrol in publicly-funded degree programmes, ~~so as to~~ **and** ease the long-standing shortage of articulation places in bachelor’s degree programmes for sub-degree graduates, ~~and at the same time, encourage;~~ *while encouraging* the provision of more private *self-financing* university places to alleviate problems such as the worsening bottleneck in respect of university places available to secondary school graduates, *the Government must at the same time provide reasonable allowances and subsidies to maintain the quality and quantity of degree programmes and alleviate the financial burden of students, with a view to solving the problem of the bottleneck in further studies arising from the corresponding increase in the number of secondary students promoting to universities* upon the implementation of the ‘3+3+4’ academic structure.”

Note: Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon IP Kwok-him

“That, ~~in the face of~~ *in view of* globalization *in the 21st century* and being an international city, Hong Kong must enhance the integrated competitiveness of its population and upgrade the academic qualifications of young people, and in order to match the development of a knowledge-based economy, this Council urges the Government to raise the limit of university places for publicly-funded bachelor's degree programmes to allow more students who meet the university admission requirements to enrol in publicly-funded degree programmes, so as to ease the long-standing shortage of articulation places in bachelor's degree programmes for sub-degree graduates, and at the same time, encourage the provision of more private university places to alleviate problems such as the worsening bottleneck in respect of university places available to secondary school graduates upon the implementation of the '3+3+4' academic structure; *to ensure that students have sufficient financial capability to enrol in publicly-funded bachelor's degree programmes, this Council also urges the Government to provide interest-free or low interest loans to needy students of degree and sub-degree programmes.*”

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

4. Motion as amended by Hon CHAN Tanya

“That, ~~in the face of~~ *in view of Hong Kong's acute shortage of talents in some industries, and in the face of keen competition from the neighbouring regions, as well as* globalization and being an international city, Hong Kong must enhance the integrated competitiveness of its population and upgrade the academic ~~qualifications~~ *standards and qualities* of young people, and in order to match the development of a knowledge-based economy, this Council urges the Government to raise the limit of university places for publicly-funded bachelor's degree programmes to allow more *local* students who meet the university admission requirements to enrol in publicly-funded degree programmes, so as to ease the long-standing shortage of articulation places in bachelor's degree programmes for sub-degree graduates, and at the same time, *provided that there are reasonable standards of the curricula, teachers' qualifications and facilities, implement concrete policies to* encourage the provision of more private university places to alleviate problems such as the worsening bottleneck in respect of university places available to secondary school graduates upon the implementation of the '3+3+4' academic structure, *and the specific measures include:*

- (a) *reviewing the existing target that 18% of the relevant age cohort may enrol in publicly-funded bachelor's degree programmes;*
- (b) *allocating more resources to universities for increasing student hostel places to enable students to enjoy a more comprehensive university life, especially the university's informal education;*
- (c) *offering additional tax concessions for donations to universities and encouraging individuals and enterprises to make donations to enable universities to have sufficient resources to meet the expenses arising from the increase of university places; and*
- (d) *reviewing various existing financial assistance and loan schemes for post-secondary students so that more students can afford the expenses for pursuing studies in universities.”*

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