

(Translation)

Motion on
“Promoting medical check-up for the whole community”
moved by Hon CHAN Kin-por
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 11 March 2009

Motion as amended by Hon CHAN Hak-kan, Hon WONG Kwok-hing and Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau

That, with the ageing of the Hong Kong population, which will exert even greater pressure on the healthcare system, yet the general public often neglect the importance of undergoing regular medical check-up and do not seek medical consultation until their clinical conditions have worsened, which will not only affect their chance of being cured, but also substantially increase the public healthcare expenditure; this Council urges the Government to comprehensively plan afresh policies on prevention of non-communicable diseases and health promotion, including:

- (a) expeditiously studying the provision of regular basic medical check-ups for Hong Kong residents systematically through such means as medical check-up vouchers or other financial incentives, and subsidizing the poor to undergo medical check-ups, so as to prevent diseases through early diagnosis and treatment;
- (b) at the same time, formulating suitable medical check-up plans for different high-risk groups;
- (c) increasing the quotas at the elderly health centres to provide medical check-up, health assessment, counselling and health education services to more elderly persons at low fees, so that elderly patients can receive appropriate treatment expeditiously; and
- (d) promoting healthy living and health education to encourage the public on all fronts to do more exercise, so as to enable Hong Kong to develop into a genuinely healthy city; and
- (e) immediately launching a screening programme for common diseases, including high blood pressure, diabetic and cholesterol tests, fecal occult blood test, breast examination and Pap smear test, Hepatitis B test and optometry examination, and extending dental care to pre-school children, secondary students and the elderly.