

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Formulating a roadmap for a low carbon economy”
moved by Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 26 November 2008**

**Motion as amended by Hon KAM Nai-wai, Hon CHAN Hak-kan and
Hon CHAN Kam-lam**

That the problem of global warming is aggravating, the Chief Executive has proposed in his Policy Address to build a low carbon economy, i.e. promoting the development of an economy based on low energy consumption and low pollution, yet he has failed to put forward a specific policy framework, strategies, proposed plans, targets and a timetable to set out the specific steps and measures to be taken for achieving a low carbon economy, this Council urges the Government to study the formulation of a timetable and a roadmap for a low carbon economy, including:

- (a) setting interim and long-term targets for the reduction of total greenhouse gas emissions in Hong Kong;
- (b) making reference to overseas examples and studying the formulation of strategies and legislation on climate change;
- (c) providing economic incentives and formulating measures to encourage energy conservation by the public;
- (d) expeditiously drawing up proposed plans for grid access;
- (e) expeditiously formulating standardized arrangements for grid connection, allowing electricity trading between users and power companies, and encouraging the use of renewable energy power facilities by various sectors of the community;
- (f) studying cooperating with Guangdong Province in developing wind farm projects to promote the use of renewable energy;
- (g) greening or installing solar power facilities on the roofs of newly built public housing blocks and covered pedestrian walkways, and encouraging private developers to introduce related facilities;
- (h) implementing the promotion of the first stage of ‘low emission zones’ in Hong Kong in 2010;

- (i) setting up a data bank on energy efficiency of vehicles covering the data on greenhouse gas emissions; and
- (j) tightening the current standards of the Air Quality Objectives to expeditiously align them with the World Health Organization Air Quality Guidelines, raising them to the standards adopted by the European Union by 2012, and implementing the standards prescribed by the World Health Organization by 2015;
- (k) considering bringing carbon dioxide emissions from local thermal power plants into the regulatory ambit;
- (l) actively collaborating with the neighbouring regions, including formulating agreements and relevant legislation, as well as setting up a trading platform to develop a mechanism for local and cross-border carbon trading;
- (m) discussing with power companies the inclusion of carbon emissions of users in their electricity bills, so as to assist users in conducting carbon audit; and
- (n) raising the current tax concession rates and caps under the first registration tax concession scheme for environment-friendly vehicles to provide additional incentive for the public to switch to environment-friendly vehicles.