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**Proposed amendments to motion on
“Formulating a comprehensive youth policy”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 383/09-10 issued on 21 January 2010, six Members (Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, Hon IP Wai-ming, Hon KAM Nai-wai, Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, Hon CHAN Hak-kan and Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che’s motion on “Formulating a comprehensive youth policy” scheduled for the Council meeting of 3 February 2010. 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 CHEUNG Kwok-che moves his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che’s motion, and orders a joint debate;
- (c) the President calls on the six Members, who intend to move amendments, to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Dr Hon Joseph LEE;
 - (ii) Hon IP Wai-ming;

- (iii) Hon KAM Nai-wai;
 - (iv) Hon Ronny TONG;
 - (v) Hon CHAN Hak-kan; and
 - (vi) Hon Paul TSE;
- (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 CHEUNG Kwok-che 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 six Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Dr Hon Joseph LEE to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Dr Hon Joseph LEE's amendment;
 - (i) after Dr Hon Joseph LEE's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other five amendments; and
 - (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che'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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(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Formulating a comprehensive youth policy”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 3 February 2010**

1. Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che’s original motion

That, in the face of persistently high unemployment rate among the youth, shrinking opportunities for social mobility and the increasingly serious inter-generational poverty problem, coupled with the unclear objectives of the youth services provided by various government bureaux, in particular the lack of opportunity for the youth to participate in social development, this Council urges the Government to immediately consult the youth through various channels to formulate a comprehensive and forward-looking youth policy, and coordinate the work of the relevant bureaux and executive departments, so as to consolidate the existing youth services to meet their needs; in addition, the Government should provide a platform for the youth to participate in social affairs, respect and listen to the views and needs of the youth, so as to enable them to actively participate in social development and establish their goals in life.

2. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long

That, *as the recent spate of social incidents have aroused public concern about the ‘post-eighties’ generation, and* in the face of persistently high unemployment rate among the youth, shrinking opportunities for social mobility and the increasingly serious inter-generational poverty problem, coupled with the unclear objectives of the youth services provided by various government bureaux, in particular the lack of opportunity for the youth to participate in social development, this Council urges the Government to immediately consult the youth through various channels to formulate a comprehensive and forward-looking youth policy, and coordinate the work of the relevant bureaux and executive departments, so as to consolidate the existing youth services to meet their needs; in addition, the Government should provide a platform for the youth to participate in social affairs, respect and listen to the views and needs of the youth, so as to enable them to actively participate in social development and establish their goals in life, *and promote youth empowerment so that their aspirations and dynamics can be transformed positively and properly into a driving force for social development.*

Note: Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.

3. Motion as amended by Hon IP Wai-ming

That, ~~in the face of~~ *as Hong Kong is facing* persistently high unemployment rate among the youth, shrinking opportunities for social mobility and the increasingly serious inter-generational poverty problem, coupled with the unclear objectives of the youth services provided by various government bureaux, in particular the lack of opportunity for the youth to participate in social development, this Council urges the Government to immediately consult the youth through various channels to formulate a comprehensive and forward-looking youth policy, ~~and~~ *in particular, to formulate integrated policies on vocational training and employment, so as to consolidate various existing measures which assist the youth in seeking jobs, and update the apprenticeship system to tie in with the transformation of economic structure, so as to provide the youth with another avenue to vocational training apart from mainstream education, and at the same time* coordinate the work of the relevant bureaux and executive departments, so as to consolidate the existing youth services to meet their needs; in addition, the Government should provide a platform for the youth to participate in social affairs, respect and listen to the views and needs of the youth, so as to enable them to actively participate in social development and establish their goals in life.

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

4. Motion as amended by Hon KAM Nai-wai

That *the youth are the future of our community, yet*, in the face of persistently high unemployment rate among the youth, shrinking opportunities for social mobility and the increasingly serious inter-generational poverty problem, coupled with the unclear objectives of the youth services provided by various government bureaux, in particular the lack of opportunity for the youth to participate in social development, *the development potential of the youth is subject to many constraints*; this Council urges the Government to immediately consult the youth through various channels to formulate a comprehensive and forward-looking youth policy, ~~and~~ *which encompasses different areas such as subsidizing university education, providing assistance in employment and training, and enhancing social services and leisure and cultural measures, so as to enable the youth to utilize their creativity and vitality, develop an international outlook, establish proper values, strive for social justice and equality, stay away from gambling, drugs and compensated dating, etc., as well as* coordinate the work of the relevant bureaux and executive departments, so as to consolidate the existing youth services to meet their needs; in addition, the Government should provide a platform for the youth to participate in social affairs, *which includes providing for a self-nominating process to enable youth representatives to recommend themselves for joining advisory committees and statutory bodies, and* respect and listen to the views and needs of the youth, so as to

enable them to actively participate in social development and establish their goals in life.

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

5. Motion as amended by Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah

That, ~~in the face of~~, *as 'post-eighties' youngsters have actively participated in a number of major social campaigns recently to fight for justice and express views, coupled with the* persistently high unemployment rate among the youth, shrinking opportunities for social mobility and the increasingly serious inter-generational poverty problem, ~~coupled with~~ *and* the unclear objectives of the youth services provided by various government bureaux, in particular the lack of opportunity for the youth to participate in social development, this Council urges the Government to immediately consult the youth through various channels to formulate a comprehensive and forward-looking youth policy, ~~and coordinate the work of the relevant bureaux and executive departments, so as to consolidate the existing youth services to meet their needs; in addition, the Government should provide a platform for the youth to participate in social affairs, respect and listen~~ *face up to the political and social aspirations of the youth, abandon the patriarchal governance philosophy, abandon nepotism in administration, commence a dialogue with the youth in various policy areas, including constitutional reform, infrastructural planning, conservation, poverty alleviation, economic development, educational reform, etc., actively review the deficiencies in the existing governance system and administration, stop keeping under surveillance and suppressing the activities of youth dissidents, and at the same time provide a platform to respect and listen carefully* to the views and needs of the youth, so as to enable them to actively participate in social development and establish their goals in life.

Note: Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

6. Motion as amended by Hon CHAN Hak-kan

That, ~~in the face of~~ *in view of the* persistently high unemployment rate among the youth, shrinking opportunities for social mobility and the increasingly serious inter-generational poverty problem, coupled with the unclear objectives of the youth services provided by various government bureaux, in particular the lack of opportunity for the youth to participate in social development, this Council urges the Government to immediately consult the youth through various channels to formulate a comprehensive and forward-looking youth policy, and coordinate the work of the relevant bureaux and executive departments, so as to consolidate the existing youth

services to meet their needs; in addition, the Government should provide a platform for the youth to participate in social affairs, respect and listen to the views and needs of the youth, so as to enable them to actively participate in social development and establish their goals in life; ***and in response to the above aspirations, this Council urges the Government to consider implementing concrete measures, including:***

- (a) ***various principal government officials and bureaux to take the initiative to collect views on the Internet and maintain regular exchanges with the youth on the Internet, so as to understand their views on the Government's administration;***
- (b) ***to designate a Youth Participation Week each year to organize youth activities or forums etc., so as to increase their opportunities to participate in social affairs;***
- (c) ***government advisory bodies should include more youth representatives;***
- (d) ***to strengthen moral education and education on national identity, and assist the youth in achieving comprehensive development in various aspects such as values, attitudes towards life, psychological qualities, leadership and cultural skills, etc.;***
- (e) ***to alleviate post-secondary students' loan repayment burden by lowering the annual interest rate for student loans, and to make changes to the effect that the interest under the loan schemes will be calculated after a student has secured employment;***
- (f) ***to strengthen training, various types of employment counselling and support for the youth, so as to enhance the competitiveness of the youth and alleviate their unemployment problem;***
- (g) ***to make good use of the Hong Kong offices on the Mainland to actively collect information of the Mainland on employment situation and legislation and regulations, etc., and to launch a Mainland internship programme for the youth, so as to assist young people who intend to work on the Mainland in seeking jobs or setting up businesses there; and***
- (h) ***to alleviate the difficulties encountered by the youth in buying their own homes through re-launching the Home Starter Loan Scheme and resuming the provision of a suitable quantity of Home Ownership Scheme flats.***

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

7. Motion as amended by Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun

That, in the face of persistently high unemployment rate among the youth, shrinking opportunities for social mobility and the increasingly serious inter-generational poverty problem, coupled with the unclear objectives of the youth services provided by various government bureaux, in particular the lack of opportunity for the youth to participate in social development, this Council urges the Government to immediately consult the youth through various channels to formulate a comprehensive and forward-looking youth policy, and coordinate the work of the relevant bureaux and executive departments, so as to consolidate the existing youth services, ***and actively consider creating in the Legislative Council a ‘youth seat’ with sufficient representativeness*** to meet their needs; in addition, the Government should provide a platform for the youth to participate in social affairs, respect and listen to the views and needs of the youth, so as to enable them to actively participate in social development and establish their goals in life.

Note: Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun’s amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type***.