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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Motion on
“Reviewing the existing policy on live poultry in Hong Kong”**

Hon Vincent FANG Kang has given notice to move the attached motion on “Reviewing the existing policy on live poultry in Hong Kong” at the Council meeting of 12 May 2010. 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
“Reviewing the existing policy on live poultry in Hong Kong”
to be moved by Hon Vincent FANG Kang
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 12 May 2010

Wording of the Motion

That, in view of the remark made publicly by the Secretary for Food and Health that the risks of avian influenza outbreaks have been significantly reduced, coupled with the fact that there has not been a case of indigenous human avian influenza in Hong Kong since 1997 and there was no case of avian influenza outbreak in local farms and Mainland farms which supply chickens to Hong Kong in the past one and a half years; on the other hand, there is still a strong demand for live chickens among Hong Kong people and that quite a number of people express the wish to buy live chickens at affordable prices through more convenient channels, especially during major traditional Chinese festivals; in this connection, this Council urges the Government:

- (a) to review the existing policy on live poultry supply so as to reduce market intervention by administrative means and to appropriately increase the supply of live poultry according to market demand under safe and reasonable conditions, with a view to alleviating the pressure of price increases in live poultry and satisfying people's needs for live poultry as far as possible;
- (b) to faithfully implement the usual practice of the Food and Health Bureau to maintain the quantity of daily market supply of live poultry from the Mainland and local farms at similar levels;
- (c) to continuously maintain the usual practice for the live poultry trade in the past by appropriately increasing the supply of live poultry from the Mainland to Hong Kong according to market demand during major traditional Chinese festivals under safe circumstances, so as to meet people's special needs in those festivals; and
- (d) to re-assess the need to develop a live poultry slaughtering centre in Hong Kong with regard to economic benefits and risk levels.