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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 2 June 2010

Motion on
“Increasing the powers and responsibilities of
District Councils in district planning”

Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing has given notice to move the attached motion on “Increasing the powers and responsibilities of District Councils in district planning” at the Council meeting of 2 June 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
“Increasing the powers and responsibilities of
District Councils in district planning”
to be moved by Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 2 June 2010**

Wording of the Motion

That, as the current role of District Councils is mainly advisory in nature, and their substantive powers and responsibilities regarding district planning have yet to be clearly defined, the actual circumstances and wishes of residents of the respective districts cannot be relayed promptly to the Administration in a ‘bottom-up’ manner during the planning process, and due to the segregation of policy departments and disparity between their priorities, resources cannot be put to the best use, and hence the district planning undertaken by the Government often does not have support from the local community; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to increase the powers and responsibilities of District Councils in district planning, including:

- (a) to enhance the participation of District Councils in landscaping, greening and environmental improvement projects and their management, and organize community building forums and open design competitions to forge consensus on district planning;
- (b) to divide Hong Kong into several major communities, in respect of which District Councils and the Planning Department should collaborate and co-ordinate with the relevant policy departments to jointly formulate and review regularly ‘community-based’ district planning programmes and practicable improvement plans, according to the actual needs and wishes of individual districts, as well as for the benefit of the community as a whole;
- (c) to allocate more resources for District Councils to engage professionals to conduct various thematic planning studies and urban design in respect of the respective districts, and submit the reports to the Planning Department for consideration; and
- (d) to confer powers and responsibilities on District Councils to participate in the planning of the major community works and ancillary facilities required by the respective districts, including public housing, community halls, cultural and recreational facilities, open spaces, refuse recovery yards, incinerators, columbarium niches, etc., so as to develop an integrated and comprehensive community,

thereby combining the strengths of the Government, representative councils and the public to implement district planning and development, and to jointly enhance the living environment of various districts, so as to develop Hong Kong into a quality city.