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**Proposed amendment to motion on
“Increasing the powers and responsibilities of
District Councils in district planning”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 740/09-10 issued on 27 May 2010, Members are invited to note that the President has given permission for Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun to move an amendment to Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye’s amendment (i.e. the third amendment to the motion). The terms of the motion as amended by the two Members are set out in the **Appendix**.

2. As directed by the President, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG’s amendment will 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

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
 “Increasing the powers and responsibilities of
 District Councils in district planning”
 to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
 of Wednesday, 2 June 2010**

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| Motion as amended by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye and Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun |
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That, ~~as the current~~ *since the implementation of the system of representative government, the* role of District Councils ~~is mainly~~ *has mainly been* advisory in nature, and their substantive powers and responsibilities regarding district planning have yet to be clearly defined, *as a result, the views of District Councils on the planning of the respective districts have often been overlooked, and* 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~~ *in most cases*, 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., ~~and fully consult District Councils give priority to~~

~~consulting District Councils and respect their views on the planning of other facilities issues that affect the residents of the respective districts, such as redevelopment of old districts, building safety, harbourfront sites, environmental protection and landfills,~~ so as to develop an integrated and comprehensive community; *and*

- (e) *to actively support various districts in developing community economy according to their respective local characteristics, such as undertaking appropriate planning for the districts' tourism resources to develop community tourism, and studying the establishment of unique and attractive culinary zones or open-air bazaars, so as to boost employment in the local communities,*

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.

Note: Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun's amendment is marked in ~~*bold and italic type with dotted line.*~~