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**Proposed amendment to motion on
“Safeguarding Hong Kong people’s freedom of expression”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 804/09-10 issued on 18 June 2010, Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah has given notice to move an amendment to Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong’s motion on “Safeguarding Hong Kong people’s freedom of expression” scheduled for the Council meeting of 30 June 2010. As directed by the President, Hon Ronny TONG’s amendment will be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. For Members’ ease of reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

(Mrs Justina LAM)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Safeguarding Hong Kong people’s freedom of expression”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 30 June 2010**

1. Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong’s original motion

That, the activities held by Hong Kong people this year in remembrance of the 4 June incident were repeatedly suppressed; following the seizure of the Tiananmen Square Massacre relief sculpture and the two Goddess of Democracy statues by the Police on grounds that the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China had breached the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance, the Immigration Department denied the entry of CHEN Weiming, the creator of the new Goddess of Democracy statue, to Hong Kong, while The Chinese University of Hong Kong also rejected the request of its Student Union to permanently display the Goddess of Democracy statue on the campus on grounds of political neutrality; the series of incidents have caused worries that the freedom of speech and expression in Hong Kong is being gradually restricted, and the principle of ‘One Country, Two Systems’ exists in name only; as safeguarding democracy and the rule of law while respecting the freedom of pluralistic expression is one of the core values of Hong Kong people, this Council urges the Government to cease suppression of pro-democracy activities and ensure that people with different political opinions can exercise their lawful right to freedom of speech and expression; this Council also calls upon all universities, being the highest academic institutions in pursuit of academic excellence and truth, to uphold the spirit of pluralism and openness, accommodate different voices and discharge their social and moral responsibilities of defending academic freedom and freedom of expression.

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

That, the activities held by Hong Kong people this year in remembrance of the 4 June incident were repeatedly suppressed; following the seizure of the Tiananmen Square Massacre relief sculpture and the two Goddess of Democracy statues by the Police on grounds that the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China had breached the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance, the Immigration Department denied the entry of CHEN Weiming, the creator of the new Goddess of Democracy statue, to Hong Kong, while The Chinese University of Hong Kong also rejected the request of its Student Union to permanently display the Goddess of Democracy statue on the campus on grounds of political neutrality; the series of incidents have caused worries that the freedom of speech and expression in Hong Kong is being gradually restricted, and the principle of ‘One Country, Two Systems’ exists in name only; as safeguarding democracy and the rule of law while respecting

the freedom of pluralistic expression is one of the core values of Hong Kong people, this Council:

- (a) urges the Government to cease suppression of pro-democracy activities and ensure that people with different political opinions can exercise their lawful right to freedom of speech and expression; ~~this Council also~~
- (b) *urges the Government to comprehensively review the existing laws of Hong Kong to ensure that the various legislation relating to freedom of speech and expression meets the needs of modern society and conforms with the spirit of the Basic Law and ‘international human rights treaties’ in protecting the freedom of speech and expression; and*
- (c) calls upon all universities, being the highest academic institutions in pursuit of academic excellence and truth, to uphold the spirit of pluralism and openness, accommodate different voices and discharge their social and moral responsibilities of defending academic freedom and freedom of expression.

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