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**Council meeting of 7 July 2010**

**Proposed amendments to motion on  
“Utilizing young people’s power of civic participation”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 840/09-10 issued on 24 June 2010, three Members (Hon KAM Nai-wai, Hon Tanya CHAN and Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho’s motion on “Utilizing young people’s power of civic participation” scheduled for the Council meeting of 7 July 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. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Dr Hon Samson TAM to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Dr Hon Samson TAM’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the three Members, who intend to move amendments, to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
  - (i) Hon KAM Nai-wai;
  - (ii) Hon Tanya CHAN; and

- (iii) Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung;
- (d) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
- (f) the President gives leave to Dr Hon Samson TAM 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 three Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon KAM Nai-wai to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon KAM Nai-wai's amendment;
- (i) after Hon KAM Nai-wai's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other two amendments; and
- (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Dr Hon Samson TAM to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Dr Hon Samson TAM'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**.

( Mrs Justina LAM )  
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on  
“Utilizing young people’s power of civic participation”  
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting  
of Wednesday, 7 July 2010**

**1. Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho’s original motion**

That in recent years, with the development of a knowledge-based society and dawning of the network era, the attitude of young people in Hong Kong towards the discussion of social issues has become increasingly active, and they have gradually become one of the major political commentary groups in society, and the ways of expression and actions of some of these young people have aroused extensive discussions and concerns in the community; some members of the public consider that the Government’s lack of effective internal and external communication of information, as well as the obvious inadequacies in its existing consultative framework has affected the formulation of public policies; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to make reference to the relevant experience of other countries or regions to formulate overall objectives and strategies, and allocate sufficient resources to enhance young people’s civic participation, as well as:

- (a) to formulate a clear public sector information access policy to make public government information and documents, so that members of the public have the right of access to or commenting on them;
- (b) to make use of the Web 2.0 interactive platform to enhance direct communication between policy-making government officials and young people, so as to listen to the views of young people;
- (c) government officials should change their mentality and mind to bravely deal with interactive communications and accept criticism; and
- (d) starting from education and social culture, to allocate resources to enhance the quality of the network citizens, and to promote a way of communication based on reasons, mutual trust and mutual respect, thereby bringing together social wisdom effectively.

**2. Motion as amended by Hon KAM Nai-wai**

That *young people are the pillar of the Hong Kong society*, in recent years, with the development of a knowledge-based society and dawning of the network era, the attitude of young people in Hong Kong towards the discussion of social issues has become increasingly active, and they have gradually become one of the major political commentary groups in society, and the ways of expression and actions of some of

these young people have aroused extensive discussions and concerns in the community; some members of the public consider that the Government's lack of effective internal and external communication of information, as well as the obvious inadequacies in its existing consultative framework has affected the formulation of public policies; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to make reference to the relevant experience of other countries or regions to formulate overall objectives and strategies, and allocate sufficient resources to enhance young people's civic participation, as well as:

- (a) to formulate a clear public sector information access policy to make public government information and documents, so that members of the public have the right of access to or commenting on them;
- (b) to make use of the Web 2.0 interactive platform to enhance direct communication between policy-making government officials and young people, so as to listen to the views of young people;
- (c) government officials should change their mentality and mind to bravely deal with interactive communications and accept criticism; ~~and~~
- (d) starting from education and social culture, to allocate resources to enhance the quality of the network citizens, and to promote a way of communication based on reasons, mutual trust and mutual respect, thereby bringing together social wisdom effectively;
- (e) *to establish afresh the youth councils in the 18 districts, and to set up a permanent mechanism for schools and youth organizations of the respective districts to send young people as delegates, so as to effectively promote youth activities and services in the districts;*
- (f) *to hold more youth forums, so that young people can put forward their opinions to officials in person and the Government can listen to various voices of young people; and*
- (g) *to review the structure and operation of the Commission on Youth, and to assess its effectiveness in promoting youth affairs, as well as to implement a self-nominating mechanism for young people to join the Commission, so as to enhance their chances of participation and the Commission's recognition.*

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

### **3. Motion as amended by Hon Tanya CHAN**

That in recent years, with the development of a knowledge-based society and dawning of the network era *continuous enhancement in civic awareness*, the attitude of young

people in Hong Kong towards the discussion of social issues has become increasingly active, and they have gradually become one of the major political commentary groups in society, ~~and the ways of expression and actions of some of these young people have aroused extensive discussions and concerns in the community~~; some members of the public consider that the Government's lack of effective internal and external communication of information, as well as the obvious inadequacies in its existing consultative framework has affected the formulation of public policies; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to ***conduct a comprehensive study on young people's social participation***, make reference to the relevant experience of other countries or regions to formulate overall objectives and strategies, and allocate sufficient resources to enhance young people's civic participation, as well as:

- (a) to formulate a clear public sector information access policy to make public government information and documents, so that members of the public have the right of access to or commenting on them;
- (b) to make use of the Web 2.0 interactive platform to enhance direct communication between policy-making government officials and young people, so as to listen to the views of young people;
- (c) government officials should change their mentality and mind to bravely deal with interactive communications and accept criticism; ~~and~~
- (d) starting from education and social culture, to allocate resources to enhance the quality of the network citizens ***and develop young people's independent thinking***, and to promote a way of communication based on reasons, mutual trust and mutual respect, thereby bringing together social wisdom effectively;
- (e) ***to increase young people's participation in various public bodies and advisory organizations, in particular those organizations related to major subjects of young people's concern, and to consider drawing up reference indicators for the ratio of young people in the membership of these bodies;***
- (f) ***to strengthen resources allocation in civic and human rights education, and to make good use of Liberal Studies of the New Senior Secondary School curriculum to nurture young people with civic awareness and independent thinking; and***
- (g) ***to convene youth summits and related local forums annually, and to provide more appropriate open platforms, so that young people can have more chances to realize public participation.***

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

#### 4. Motion as amended by Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

That in recent years, with the development of a knowledge-based society and dawning of the network era, ***coupled with the fact that the Government's policies are not beneficial to young people***, the attitude of young people in Hong Kong towards the discussion of social issues has become increasingly active, and they have gradually become one of the major political commentary groups in society, and the ways of expression and actions of some of these young people have aroused extensive discussions and concerns in the community; some members of the public consider that the Government's lack of effective internal and external communication of information, as well as the obvious inadequacies in its existing consultative framework has affected the formulation of public policies; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to make reference to the relevant experience of other countries or regions to formulate overall objectives and strategies, and allocate sufficient resources to enhance young people's civic participation, as well as:

- (a) to formulate a clear public sector information access policy to make public government information and documents, so that members of the public have the right of access to or commenting on them;
- (b) to make use of the Web 2.0 interactive platform to enhance direct communication between policy-making government officials and young people, so as to listen to the views of young people;
- (c) government officials should change their mentality and mind to bravely deal with interactive communications and accept criticism; ~~and~~
- ~~(d) — starting from education and social culture, to allocate resources to enhance the quality of the network citizens, and to promote a way of communication based on reasons, mutual trust and mutual respect, thereby bringing together social wisdom effectively~~
- (d) to promote an open attitude in society towards young people's political commentaries, including the ways they express their opinions, so as to uphold their right of expression;*
- (e) to improve the voter registration system, so that young people reaching the age of 18 can participate in voting as early as possible; and*
- (f) to amend the Telecommunications Ordinance and broadcasting policies to provide the airwaves and the television broadcasting platform for young people to fully exercise their freedom of speech and expression.*

Note: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.