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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Motion on
“Providing support for family carers”**

Hon WONG Sing-chi has given notice to move the attached motion on “Providing support for family carers” at the Council meeting of 18 November 2009. 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

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Providing support for family carers”
to be moved by Hon WONG Sing-chi
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 18 November 2009**

Wording of the Motion

That, out of care and love rooted in family ethics, family carers (i.e. people taking care of their chronically ill, disabled or elderly family members without remuneration) work tirelessly and give up their job to look after their ill or elderly family members day and night while facing social, psychological, physical and financial pressures and agony, hence substantially reducing the Government's expenditure in areas such as social services, medical care and education; in order to affirm their contributions to Hong Kong, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures to provide support for family carers:

- (a) to set up a ‘subsidy system for carers of persons with disabilities’ to alleviate their financial burden;
- (b) to recognize that family carers have contributed to the community and they are partners of the Government, and include the services of family carers into the scope of social welfare planning;
- (c) to enhance relief support services for carers so as to enable them to take a respite, which include:
 - (i) adopting a family case approach to manage different categories of persons with disabilities and illness, so as to reduce the chance of family carers developing carer syndrome;
 - (ii) increasing the provision of day care bed service;
 - (iii) increasing the provision of respite care bed service; and
 - (iv) having to introduce emergency respite care bed service;
- (d) to provide long-term and stable support for self-help family carers organizations; and
- (e) to set up an inter-departmental group to review afresh the effectiveness of community care support services.