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**Proposed amendments to motion on
“Enhancing employment support and
creating employment opportunities”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 174/09-10 issued on 20 November 2009, Members are invited to note that the President has given permission for Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai to move an amendment to Hon LI Fung-ying’s amendment (i.e. the fifth 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, Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO’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
“Enhancing employment support and
creating employment opportunities”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 25 November 2009**

Motion as amended by Hon LI Fung-ying and Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai

That, *in the ten-odd years* since the reunification *in 1997*, Hong Kong’s growth in Gross Domestic Product has exceeded 40% but the population of the poor ~~has increased persistently~~ *in Hong Kong has not reduced but increased* to over one million, and according to a report published by the United Nations Development Programme, Hong Kong even ranks first ~~in the world~~ *among developed countries and regions* in terms of disparity between the rich and the poor, the problem is attributed to ~~the mismatch between manpower supply and job positions~~, the Government should ~~*the Government’s excessive blind faith in free markets and over-emphasis on economic development; in this connection, the Government should comprehensively review its policy objectives, failure to formulate a package of comprehensive and effective policies on poverty alleviation; the Government should*~~ allocate more resources to expand various employment services as well as continuing education and training, and create jobs to assist the grassroots in securing employment *and improve their livelihood*, thereby alleviating the disparity between the rich and the poor; ~~in this connection~~, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures:

- (a) while developing the six industries, to provide various concessionary measures particularly targeting at labour-intensive industries, such as the recycling industry, in order to encourage and support the development of these industries;
- (b) to provide avenues to continuing education *and employment assistance schemes* to enable young people, new arrivals *and ethnic minorities*, etc to equip themselves ~~for taking up professional positions in the six industries at the middle ranking or supporting levels~~;
- (c) to introduce a territory-wide transport subsidy scheme to ~~subsidize the costs~~ *alleviate the burden* of low-income employees in working across districts, so as to enable them to have more choices in jobs;
- (d) ~~to provide re-employment support allowance and employment counseling, etc for the unemployed~~ *to establish an unemployment loan fund and provide employment counselling*;

- (e) to establish a start-up fund to provide the unemployed with capital to set up their own businesses, and invite professionals to provide support on setting up and operating businesses;
- (f) to promote local community culture economy, issue licences to people engaged in arts and cultural performances and activities, and relax the restrictions on on-street arts and cultural activities; and
- (g) to consider allowing regulated hawking activities in specific areas or during specific periods, so as to provide opportunities for running small businesses.

Note: Hon LI Fung-ying's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type with dotted line*.