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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Motion on
“Promoting the philosophical thinking of Confucianism”**

Hon CHAN Kam-lam has given notice to move the attached motion on “Promoting the philosophical thinking of Confucianism” at the Council meeting of 13 January 2010. 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
“Promoting the philosophical thinking of Confucianism”
to be moved by Hon CHAN Kam-lam
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 13 January 2010**

Wording of the Motion

That, given that Confucius’ philosophical thinking of Confucianism is highly respected by many countries in the world, and Confucius was long ago elected one of the 10 most outstanding philosophers in the world, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization established a ‘Confucius Prize for Literacy’ in 2005 to award individuals who have made remarkable contribution to education, it is evident that the philosophical thinking of Confucianism is held in high esteem in the world; in view of the weak concept of morality of the Hong Kong community, increasingly distant moral relationship, confusing social values, the frequent occurrence of domestic violence and child abuse incidents, as well as the serious problems of drug addiction, drug abuse and compensated dating among young people, there is indeed a need for the Government to revive the philosophy of Confucianism in the community, with a view to building social order and harmony, strengthening business ethics, and enhancing personal virtues and qualities; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) promote the philosophy of Confucianism to revive the concept of public morality, and strengthen the maintenance of ethical relationship in families to enhance the community spirit of mutual help;
- (b) promote the application of the philosophy of Confucianism to social enterprises and business operations, so as to enhance the humanistic qualities of the public;
- (c) introduce in schools and tertiary institutions moral education courses which feature traditional Chinese cultural thinking and emphasize the cultivation of one’s moral character; and
- (d) designate the birthday of Confucius as the Confucius Day to establish the esteemed position of Confucian thinking in the Hong Kong community.