

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Adding impetus for promoting upward social mobility”
moved by Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun
at the Legislative Council meeting commencing on
Wednesday, 17 March 2010**

**Motion as amended by Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che,
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah**

That, the subject of ‘upward social mobility’ has been the concern of various sectors of the community for a long time; upward social mobility involves factors such as personal ability and attitude, etc., and government support is also indispensable; in this connection, this Council urges the Government:

- (a) to promote education which is steered by ‘inspiration’ in place of ‘impartation’ mode of teaching, to develop creativity and independent analytical ability among students, with a view to establishing proper attitudes towards life;
- (b) to expand the types of existing education programmes, promote diversified development, increase the opportunities for young people to study abroad and participate in summer exchange programmes and on-the-job training, etc., and provide further support to young people from poor families, so as to enhance the quality of education for the whole community;
- (c) to break the vicious cycle of inter-generational poverty and provide support for poor families on all fronts;
- (d) to create a fair social environment, encourage the public to fulfil their personal potentials and avoid introducing policies which impede the fulfilment of potentials;
- (e) to promote in the Government and various sectors of the community the development of a ‘from the heart’ attitude of doing things, consolidate Hong Kong’s core values of ‘being proactive and progressive’, and encourage young people to strive harder for improvement and self-reliance, so as to prevent the development of a mentality of dependency;
- (f) to promote upward social mobility through developing the economy and new industries;
- (g) to resume the construction of Home Ownership Scheme (‘HOS’) flats and assist the younger generation in purchasing their homes through measures such as revitalizing the secondary market of HOS flats and re-launching the Home Starter Loan Scheme, etc.;

- (h) to enhance the level of participation of young people in various statutory and advisory bodies, and establish communication channels such as new media to listen sincerely to young people's views and let them actively participate in social affairs; and
- (i) to vigorously develop social enterprises so as to provide alternative development opportunities for those workers who have not been absorbed by the free market;
- (j) to respect the right of young people to achieve self-development; and
- (k) to re-establish the Commission on Poverty to actively study and formulate long-term policies to solve the problem of inter-generational poverty; and
- (l) to increase the number of subsidized university places to train local talents.