

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Medical check-ups for professional drivers”
moved by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 5 May 2010**

Motion as amended by Hon LI Fung-ying

That, as quite a number of incidents of drivers feeling unwell and becoming unconscious while driving occurred in recent years, with some even resulting in traffic accidents and causing death and injury to drivers, passengers and passers-by, and this causes public concern and worry about the health conditions of professional drivers being affected by excessively long working hours; as the health problems of professional drivers have direct impact on passenger safety, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously allocate additional resources, and study and formulate policies to ensure that professional drivers have sufficient rest time and motivate professional drivers to undergo regular medical check-ups to safeguard their health as well as the safety of road users, including:

- (a) to study the provision of medical check-up services for professional drivers by public medical institutions, including the Department of Health, the Hospital Authority, etc., and the Occupational Safety and Health Centre of the Labour Department;
- (b) to urge employers to ensure that professional drivers have sufficient rest time and that they are physically fit to drive;
- (c) to encourage all professional drivers to undergo regular medical check-ups, so as to safeguard road safety and the health of drivers;
- (d) to request the Transport Department to allocate more resources to the relevant activities, including the ‘Safe Driving and Health Campaign’, ‘Health Check Days’, etc., so that such activities can cover more professional drivers and the health checks can be conducted in a more comprehensive and thorough manner; and
- (e) to step up the relevant publicity and public education so that more professional drivers will care and know more about their own health conditions.