

(Translation)

**Motion on  
“Facing up to the transport needs of people with disabilities”  
moved by Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
at the Legislative Council meeting  
of Wednesday, 21 October 2009**

**Motion as amended by Hon WONG Kwok-hing**

That, given that this Council passed motions on a number of occasions over the past few years calling for improvement to transport facilities for people with disabilities and offer of concessionary transport fares to them, but the Administration, some statutory transport corporations and other public transport operators still fail to fully face up to and give effect to the motions, and the crux of the problem is the Government's lack of a specific policy on fare concessions for people with disabilities and determination to make improvements; this Council strongly demands the Administration to take the lead in implementing and pushing various public transport operators to immediately and fully respond as well as give effect to the relevant motions previously passed by this Council and the recommendations in the Report of the Council's Subcommittee to Study the Transport Needs of and Provision of Concessionary Public Transport Fares for Persons with Disabilities in the last term; in addition, the Government must implement the following concrete measures to more comprehensively address the transport needs of people with disabilities so as to enable them to integrate into society:

- (a) to take the lead in formulating a policy on fare concessions on public transport for people with disabilities;
- (b) to take the lead in setting an example and expeditiously implement the fare concession for people with disabilities as announced earlier by the MTR Corporation Limited;
- (c) in order to effectively assist people with disabilities in integrating into society, to adopt legislative, administrative and financial measures to press various major public transport operators to offer concessionary fares to them;
- (d) to put forth, in the near future, specific proposals and a timetable for introducing half-fare concession on public transport for all people with disabilities, so as to help them integrate into society and improve their life;
- (e) to allocate additional resources to comprehensively improve the Rehabus service and, in particular, enhance such service for people with disabilities living in remote areas and new towns;

- (f) to request the MTR Corporation Limited to expeditiously install facilities such as platform screen doors and automatic mechanical gap fillers for all its rail lines in order to strengthen platform safety and minimize the danger of blind people falling onto the rail tracks;
- (g) to study subsidizing people with disabilities in need to purchase electrical wheelchairs so as to facilitate them to use public transport;
- (h) to request the Transport Department to explore waiving the licence fee for people with disabilities who purchase private cars with a cylinder capacity of over 1 500 c.c. so as to make it convenient for them to carry larger and heavier electrical wheelchair and supporting equipment, provide additional auto-fuel allowances for people with disabilities, subsidize drivers with disabilities for using private tunnels and provide parking spaces for them, so that people with disabilities do not have to pay high transportation fees; and
- (i) to step up consultation with people with disabilities to fully realize the concept of 'Transport for All', and strictly regulate public transport operators in providing barrier-free facilities, so as to enable more people with disabilities to use public transport and integrate into society.