

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Reviewing afresh the use of land at the Kowloon waterfront”
moved by Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 9 December 2009**

Motion as amended by Hon Tanya CHAN and Hon James TO Kun-sun

That the Chief Executive has put forward the policy directions of reducing development density as well as constructing and beautifying the waterfront promenade in his past three years’ policy addresses, yet there is still much room for improvement in the planning of many waterfront sites in Kowloon and other districts, the Government should as far as practicable enable as many members of the public as possible to use these waterfront sites; at the same time, these sites have still been wrongly planned for the construction of densely built high-rise buildings in recent years, causing further damages to the beautiful ridgelines of Kowloon and other districts and even blocking the ventilation openings and aggravating the wall and heat island effects, hence exacerbating the environmental problems; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to honour its pledges made in the policy addresses and, by adhering to the overriding principle of conforming to environmental protection and low development density, strengthen the coordination and cooperation among different departments as well as review afresh the use of waterfront sites in Kowloon and other districts, including improving the accessibility of the waterfront and studying measures to address issues relating to ownership of private lands at the waterfront, present use of waterfront sites as well as impact of various future projects on lands at the waterfront, so as to create favourable conditions for the implementation of the Kowloon waterfront promenade project.