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**Motion on
“Striving for 15-year free education”**

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong has given notice to move the attached motion on “Striving for 15-year free education” at the Council meeting of 16 February 2011. 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
“Striving for 15-year free education”
to be moved by Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 16 February 2011**

Wording of the Motion

That early childhood education (‘ECE’) is an important stage in children’s articulation to primary education, and the provision of quality ECE for children is a responsibility that the Government cannot shy away from; last year, the Macao SAR Government already announced the implementation of 15-year free education, indicating that Hong Kong’s basic education policy lags behind that of Macao; given Hong Kong’s strong financial position and its increase in fiscal reserve year after year, the Hong Kong Government is definitely able to and needs to make greater commitment to ECE; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously implement 15-year free education, include ECE in the scope of subsidization, draw up a pay scale and directly subsidize the payment of kindergarten teachers’ salaries, and reasonably increase the subsidies for half-day and whole-day kindergartens, so as to enable parents and children to benefit from completely free basic education, create quality teaching conditions for kindergarten teachers, retain quality kindergarten teachers and comprehensively upgrade the quality of basic education, thereby creating a new chapter of Hong Kong education.