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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Motion on
“Promoting the waste recycling industries”**

Hon Vincent FANG Kang has given notice to move the attached motion on “Promoting the waste recycling industries” at the Council meeting of 24 November 2010. 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

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(Translation)

**Motion on
“Promoting the waste recycling industries”
to be moved by Hon Vincent FANG Kang
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 24 November 2010**

Wording of the Motion

That, over 90% of the recyclable waste currently recovered in Hong Kong is exported to other countries or places for recycling, yet owing to developed countries’ gradual tightening of their policies on waste import, the number of countries permitting waste import will decrease in the future; in order to resolve the problem of waste accumulation in Hong Kong in the long run, it is of utmost importance to extend the categories and proportion of recyclable waste recovery and expedite the development of Hong Kong’s environmental and recycling industries; in this connection, this Council proposes that:

- (a) the Government should conceive an overall waste policy on the 3R concept (i.e. reduce, reuse and recycle), so as to formulate a follow-through policy on reducing, recovering and recycling waste, implementing and promoting it in a well-planned manner, with a view to resolving the problem of waste accumulation in Hong Kong, encouraging the development of environment-related new industries, promoting sustainable economic development and creating more employment opportunities;
- (b) since waste recycling industries require considerable investments but yield relatively low returns, the Government should therefore, by making reference to the policies of developed countries on promoting environmental and waste recycling industries, formulate local preferential policies, including providing land and tax concessions, technology support, etc., so as to encourage the commercial sector to invest in waste recovery and recycling industries; and
- (c) while broadening the scope of product eco-responsibility, present efforts in recovering recyclable waste should be extended, and the use of green products by society should be encouraged; the Government should avoid making environmental levies prevalent in Hong Kong or charging to another kind of consumption tax, so as not to turn Hong Kong into a ‘taxes and levies capital’, tarnish Hong Kong’s reputation as a shoppers’ paradise, affecting people’s daily habits and boosting inflation.