

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Promoting personal financial management education”
moved by Hon CHAN Kin-por
at the Legislative Council meeting commencing
on Wednesday, 2 March 2011**

Wording of the Motion

That Hong Kong is an international financial and commercial centre, the atmosphere of investment and consumption in society is very strong, and people are facing a lot of financial management problems in their daily life; yet, on the other hand, there is a lack of comprehensive financial management education in Hong Kong, and whenever there is any turmoil in the financial market, some people may not have sufficient risk management knowledge to cope with it and are thus easily plunged into financial crises or even bankruptcy; some young people may have to default or are even unable to make repayment of their credit card debts due to over-spending; as a matter of fact, if the general public have good financial management habits, it will be of immense benefits to the whole society: for example, parents who have good financial management habits can help their families and children develop healthily, thus reducing the occurrence of family problems, and if working persons of means can as early as possible make good financial preparations before retirement, they will have appropriate protection upon their retirement, thus lessening their dependence on social resources in the future; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to adopt effective measures to promote personal financial management education, so as to educate people to acquire proper financial management skills and concepts; the relevant measures should include:

- (a) to study making knowledge on comprehensive personal financial management, including investment, consumption, banking and insurance principles, etc., a formal subject in school, or expand the present section of personal financial management under subjects such as Liberal Studies into an independent and major module, so as to systematically educate students on basic financial management concepts and principles;
- (b) in respect of the Investor Education Council which will be established soon, to introduce more comprehensive personal financial management elements to the original scope of investor education, with a view to instilling proper personal financial management values into the general public;

- (c) to encourage parents to participate in parent-child financial management activities so that they can instill proper concepts on money into their children through the relevant skills;
- (d) to encourage people of means to make good financial management plans for their retirement life as early as possible; and
- (e) to organize regular publicity and educational activities to encourage young people to spend money sensibly, so as to avoid plunging into debt crises.