

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Promoting the relocation of departmental headquarters
to the districts for creating employment”
moved by Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 1 June 2011**

**Motion as amended by Hon Tanya CHAN, Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah and
Hon LEE Wing-tat**

That, with Hong Kong's community development and progress in communications technology, the Administration needs to review whether it should locate the offices of various government departments in one district, and it should consider grasping the opportunity to improve planning for various communities, particularly the remote communities; for the purpose of fostering district economic development and creating more local district employment opportunities, this Council urges the Government to proactively study relocating expeditiously the headquarters of its back offices which are situated in prime urban land lots to various non-core districts and new development areas, including the North District, Tai Po, Yuen Long, Tuen Mun, Tung Chung, Tseung Kwan O and Kai Tak, etc.; in respect of the three government office buildings at the Wan Chai waterfront already planned for relocation, the Government should immediately announce to the public a concrete relocation timetable with specific details, and expedite the relocation process, so as to effect the moving in of large teams of civil servants of the relevant departments to various non-core districts or new development areas to boost the local consumption demand for shopping and dining, etc., inject fresh impetus into the local community economy, create more jobs suitable for the grassroots and low-skilled persons, and, under the principle of balancing the overall planning for the environment, conservation, transport and communities, hold discussions with the public and conduct studies on vacating valuable land lots which, while being put to uses which are more conducive to Hong Kong's economic development, should at the same time be utilized having regard to town planning, so as to help foster the diversified development of communities, increase the number of leisure facilities and public space, and enhance people's quality of living; this Council also urges the Government to proactively study undertaking comprehensive planning for Hong Kong's urban development and dovetail with the development strategies of the 'Secondary City Centre', so as to relocate expeditiously the headquarters of its back offices which are situated in prime urban land lots to various non-core districts and new development areas.