

(Translation)

Motion on
“Seizing the opportunity presented by the Cross-Straits Economic
Co-operation Framework Agreement and actively participating in the
development of the Economic Zone on the West Coast
of the Taiwan Strait”
moved by Hon CHAN Kam-lam
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 15 December 2010

Motion as amended by Hon WONG Kwok-hing

That, as the Cross-Straits Economic Co-operation Framework Agreement has come into force, and the Twelfth Five-Year Plan of the Central Authorities have clearly stated the need to fully fulfil the function of early and pilot implementation of the Economic Zone on the West Coast of the Taiwan Strait (‘the West Coast Economic Zone’) in promoting cross-strait exchanges and co-operation, cross-strait economic relations will enter a new stage of development with a rapid rise of the West Coast Economic Zone, which will create profound and far-reaching impact on Hong Kong’s economy; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to seize the opportunity through active participation and catch the ‘West Coast Economic Zone express’, so as to expand the scale of Hong Kong’s services industries; the relevant measures should include:

- (a) to expeditiously formulate Hong Kong’s regional development policy, and include the West Coast Economic Zone as a sub-core area of Hong Kong-Mainland economic co-operation, with a view to fostering closer co-operation between Hong Kong and the West Coast Economic Zone;
- (b) to set up a joint-conference mechanism for Hong Kong-Fujian co-operation, and establish a government office in the West Coast Economic Zone, so as to upgrade the level of co-operation between Hong Kong and the West Coast Economic Zone;
- (c) to strive for the inclusion of Fujian Province as an ‘early and pilot implementation zone’ under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, so as to intensify Hong Kong’s co-operation with the West Coast Economic Zone;
- (d) to make strenuous efforts in building a ‘Taiwan Strait tourism circle’ comprising Fujian, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan;

- (e) to proactively take part in the development of Pingtan Island, and establish a Hong Kong services park on the island;
- (f) to enhance the economic co-operation between Hong Kong and Taiwan, and include the development of the West Coast Economic Zone as part of Hong Kong-Taiwan economic co-operation; and
- (g) to step up Hong Kong's investment promotion activities in the West Coast Economic Zone and offer concessionary initiatives to induce the enterprises there, such as those engaged in testing and certification, environmental industries and innovation and technology, to establish their bases in Hong Kong, with a view to promoting the development of Hong Kong's six industries with competitive edge and increasing employment opportunities for local workers.