

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Government-led promotion of
a territory-wide energy conservation campaign”
moved by Hon CHAN Kin-por
at the Council meeting of 15 February 2012**

Motion as amended by Hon CHAN Hak-kan

That, given that the Government proposes in the Consultation Document on Hong Kong’s Climate Change Strategy and Action Agenda to significantly increase, in 2020, the proportion of nuclear power generation in Hong Kong’s fuel mix for power generation from 23% in 2009 to 50% and the proportion of electricity generated using natural gas from 23% to 40%, but the earlier nuclear power incident in Fukushima of Japan has aroused public concern about the safety of nuclear power, and replacing coal with natural gas, which is cleaner, for power generation will significantly increase power generation costs, the options for Hong Kong’s fuel mix for power generation are thus further limited; besides, Hong Kong is not endowed with any energy resources, promoting energy conservation therefore becomes more important; as a matter of fact, motivating people and enterprises to lead a low-carbon life through measures on energy conservation and enhancing energy efficiency has become a major sustainable development trend among the international community, and many countries in the world (including China) have even adopted energy conservation and emission reduction as an important state policy; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to immediately formulate afresh territory-wide energy conservation policies and objectives, take the lead in organizing a territory-wide energy conservation campaign, and adopt multi-faceted incentive measures, including studying the introduction of incentive schemes to encourage people to purchase energy-saving products or reduce electricity consumption, further expanding the types of products covered by the Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme, actively developing means of green transportation which include electric vehicles, studying the positioning of bicycles as a means of transport, and formulating relevant policies as well as expanding cycle track networks for reducing fossil fuel consumption, etc., to unite and motivate people from different strata as well as enterprises to participate in the territory-wide energy conservation campaign, so as to comprehensively enhance energy efficiency in Hong Kong.