

(Translation)

Motion on
“Capitalizing on the opportunity presented by
the building of a cruise terminal to develop Kowloon East
into a business and tourism district”
moved by Hon Paul TSE
at the Council meeting of 14 December 2011

Motion as amended by Hon CHAN Kam-lam, Hon Alan LEONG,
Hon WONG Kwok-kin and Hon Fred LI

That the plan of Energizing Kowloon East announced by the Chief Executive in the Policy Address this year will inject fresh economic impetus and create employment opportunities for the entire Kowloon; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to capitalize on the opportunity presented by the building of a cruise terminal and the development of Kai Tak new area, expeditiously finalize an environmentally friendly linkage system and its extension to To Kwa Wan, enhance the designs of the Metro Park and the Longjin Bridge conservation zone, construct a new Kowloon harbourfront promenade stretching from Lei Yue Mun to Sham Shui Po, enhance the uses of typhoon shelters, introduce leisure water sports facilities, and improve the transport network of Kowloon; and, to consolidate the existing tourism infrastructure and facilities and build new ones, while implementing the plan of Energizing Kowloon East, with a view to developing Kowloon East into an important core business and tourism district; this Council also urges the Government to:

- (a) when establishing a Kowloon East Development Office responsible for steering and monitoring this strategic development project, follow the same approach of holding discussions with the public adopted in the planning for the Kai Tak Development Area, so as to enable people, especially those from Kowloon East, to fully participate in the discussions and put forward views on the alignment, station locations and fares of an environmentally friendly elevated monorail system, as well as the layout of public open spaces, the construction of footbridges, and the designs of waterfront promenades, etc.;
- (b) expeditiously complete and announce the financial report and feasibility study on the monorail system, and study the sustainable development of monorail operation;
- (c) improve the linkage of the existing transport network of Kowloon East with those of the various districts in Hong Kong, and ensure that the

new developments will not cause any traffic congestion and obstruct local district residents commuting to and from work and travelling to and from the district; and

- (d) expedite the relocation of government office buildings in Wan Chai to the district, so as to stimulate economic activities in the district and create employment opportunities;
- (e) review the road transport network of the various areas of Kowloon East, project whether the traffic loads of the existing road networks in the various communities are adequate for dovetailing with the future development of the district, and expeditiously implement improvement works in accordance with the review outcomes and development needs;
- (f) study the linkage of the new and old areas in Kowloon East by an environmentally friendly mass transit system, and improve the public transport supporting facilities connecting Kowloon East to other districts, so as to cope with the needs of tourists and businesses in the future;
- (g) perfect the pedestrian linking systems and barrier-free facilities in the new and old areas of Kowloon East, so that tourists and residents can travel between new and old development areas smoothly and without obstruction;
- (h) expeditiously finalize the construction of a general hospital in Kai Tak and expedite the expansion of the United Christian Hospital, so as to meet the medical needs arising from the population growth and development of Kowloon East in the future;
- (i) study the construction of cycle tracks along the harbourfront of Kowloon East and various other districts for linkage with the cycle track to be constructed in the Kai Tak New Development Area, so as to develop a network of urban cycle tracks;
- (j) make use of the advantages of Kowloon East, such as cultural monuments and existing waterways, etc., for developing a special heritage trail blending environmentalism, historical monuments, local culture and tourism, so as to add special features to the district;
- (k) increase the space for greening and public art in Kowloon East, and introduce bazaars with local characteristics, such as temple fairs, so as to attract tourists and create employment opportunities; and

- (l) use the site of the former Tai Hom Village and San Po Kong Industrial Area, etc., for developing cultural and creative industries, so as to build the district into a tourism spot related to the Hong Kong film industry; and
- (m) construct a network of designated cycle tracks in Kowloon East for internal and external connection, strengthen green transport as a feature of the district and upgrade bay water quality standards for enjoyment by the public and tourists, promote diversified local development and provide Hong Kong people with an appropriate urban residential area.