

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Improving the voter registration system
to rebuild people’s confidence in the electoral system”
moved by Hon KAM Nai-wai
at the Council meeting of 21 December 2011**

Motion as amended by Dr Hon Philip WONG

That the media have recently disclosed the discovery of many suspected vote-rigging cases after the District Council Election held on 6 November this year; besides, after every Legislative Council Election and District Council Election in the past, the Administration also received tens of thousands of returned poll cards; in this connection, this Council considers that the Administration should further enhance the verification mechanism under the voter registration system, so as to prevent law-breakers from registering as voters with falsified addresses, thus ruining the electoral system and causing voters to lose confidence; on the other hand, the right to vote is a very important right, and under Article 26 of the Basic Law, permanent residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (‘HKSAR’) shall have the right to vote and the right to stand for election in accordance with law; in this connection, this Council urges the Administration to spare no efforts in investigating suspected vote-rigging cases, institute prosecutions against law-breakers, comprehensively review the voter registration system, and, while upholding HKSAR permanent residents’ right to vote, ensure that before the Legislative Council Election to be held in September next year, the loopholes are plugged and people’s confidence in the electoral system is rebuilt.