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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Motion on
“Strengthening the support for
persons suffering from dementia and their carers”**

Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou has given notice to move the attached motion on “Strengthening the support for persons suffering from dementia and their carers” at the Council meeting of 22 February 2012. The President has directed that “it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in” on the Agenda of the Council.

(Mrs Justina LAM)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

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(Translation)

**Motion on
“Strengthening the support for
persons suffering from dementia and their carers”
to be moved by Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou
at the Council meeting of 22 February 2012**

Wording of the Motion

That dementia (also known as ‘腦退化症’ or ‘癡呆症’ in the Chinese rendition) is a disease suffered by many people and it has wide-ranging effects and exerts heavy caring pressure on their family members; although the Chief Executive had respectively mentioned in the Policy Addresses for 2010-11 and 2011-12 that the services for persons suffering from dementia would be improved and increased, the situation has not shown any concrete improvements; with population ageing, the number of persons suffering from dementia in Hong Kong has continued to increase, but the Government all along lacks a long-term and comprehensive policy, and the support and resources provided are not sufficient to cope with the relevant demand, thus making such persons unable to receive appropriate treatment and care; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) co-ordinate the complementarity and collaboration between healthcare and welfare services, and formulate an inter-departmental, long-term and comprehensive policy to address the problem of dementia;
- (b) provide timely diagnosis, assessment, treatment and follow-up services for persons suffering from dementia, and set up dedicated day care and support centres for such persons so as to enable those persons in need to receive appropriate care;
- (c) immediately increase the service quota of residential care homes for the elderly and day care centres for the elderly as well as extend their service hours and increase their manpower, so as to shorten the waiting time of users;
- (d) introduce a carer allowance and emotional counselling services to strengthen the financial and mental support for family members and carers of persons suffering from dementia;
- (e) when designing residential care homes, take account of users’ needs and devise facilities convenient to persons suffering from dementia;

- (f) establish a database on persons suffering from dementia to facilitate more in-depth studies and statistical analyses on the conditions of such patients, and promptly assist them in receiving appropriate help when necessary;
- (g) provide training to the relevant professionals to enhance their professional knowledge of treating, diagnosing and handling, etc. persons suffering from dementia; and
- (h) enhance education for the whole community in relation to dementia with a view to detecting persons suffering from dementia in the community at an early stage, facilitating early treatment of the disease and easing patients' conditions.