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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 16 November 2011

Motion on
“Comprehensively improving the water quality of the Victoria Harbour”

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG has given notice to move the attached motion on “Comprehensively improving the water quality of the Victoria Harbour” at the Council meeting of 16 November 2011. 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

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Comprehensively improving the water quality of the Victoria
Harbour”**

**to be moved by Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG
at the Council meeting of 16 November 2011**

Wording of the Motion

That, given that the ‘cross harbour swimming race’ was resumed on 16 October this year after a suspension of 33 years; the West Kowloon Cultural District project has entered Stage 3 of the consultation process and will soon be finalized and commenced; the first berth of Kai Tak Cruise Terminal will be commissioned in 2013; the Government is also developing continuous waterfront promenades along waterfront areas on both sides of the Victoria Harbour, and such works and projects are all closely related to the Victoria Harbour; and, as the water quality of the Victoria Harbour has all along been criticized by environmentalists, academics and the public, this Council urges the Government to formulate long-term proposals for improving the water quality of the Victoria Harbour, so as to truly realize the objective of ‘returning the harbour to the people’; the relevant improvement proposals should include the following measures:

- (a) to immediately investigate and stop the pollution sources of the Victoria Harbour;
- (b) to identify misconnection of sewers in the urban areas;
- (c) to increase the existing penalties to punish individuals or enterprises who pollute the harbour;
- (d) to rectify the current situation of fragmentation of responsibilities among government departments for managing the water quality of the Victoria Harbour, and to study establishing a higher-level department to co-ordinate and follow up the relevant matters;

- (e) to draw reference from international experience, so as to formulate water quality objectives specifically for the Victoria Harbour;
- (f) to report to the public on the water quality of the various parts of the Victoria Harbour at half-yearly intervals;
- (g) to study removing polluting facilities in the vicinity of the Victoria Harbour, such as typhoon shelters, cargo working areas and polluting industrial plants, etc.; and
- (h) to make the 'cross harbour swimming race' an annual gala in Hong Kong and organize it regularly every year at different locations in the Victoria Harbour, so as to press the relevant departments to seriously improve the water quality of the Victoria Harbour.