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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Motion on
“Reviewing the population policy”**

Hon Vincent FANG has given notice to move the attached motion on “Reviewing the population policy” at the Council meeting of 11 January 2012. The President has directed that “it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in” on the Agenda of the Council.

(Ms Dora WAI)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Reviewing the population policy”
to be moved by Hon Vincent FANG
at the Council meeting of 11 January 2012**

Wording of the Motion

That, the continuous increase in the number of mainland pregnant women giving birth in Hong Kong constitutes growing pressure on hospitals and the relevant healthcare services in Hong Kong, and the aforesaid Hong Kong-born babies also impose potential pressure on Hong Kong in various respects, such as education, welfare, long-term healthcare, housing and employment, etc., while both the SAR Government’s governance and financial resources allocation lack long-term planning, leading to piecemeal policies to deal with problems on an ad hoc basis; besides, the daily quota of 150, which mainly aims at facilitating mainland residents’ settlement in Hong Kong for family reunion, has not been fully and properly utilized to resolve the serious mismatch in the employment market and fails to fulfil the original good intent of fostering family reunion and bringing young labour into Hong Kong, but has instead drastically increased Hong Kong’s burden in respect of the Comprehensive Social Security Allowance (‘CSSA’) and coping with population ageing; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) comprehensively review the existing population policy and include in the scope of the review the current problems in the four major areas of welfare, education, housing and CSSA arising from mainland pregnant women giving birth in Hong Kong; make reference to the population policies of developed countries for reviewing whether Hong Kong should continue to allow babies born in Hong Kong to parents who are both non-permanent residents of Hong Kong to enjoy the right of abode in Hong Kong;
- (b) conduct a comprehensive review on the current utilization rate of the daily quota of 150 which mainly aims at facilitating mainland residents’ settlement in Hong Kong for family reunion, successful applicants’ ages, academic qualifications, skills and employment situation after coming to Hong Kong, as well as the ratio of their applications for CSSA, etc., and, where necessary, adjust the utilization of the quota of

150 having regard to the actual circumstances and needs of Hong Kong's employment market; and

- (c) based on the outcome of the review, formulate a new population policy that suits the long-term development needs of Hong Kong so as to provide reference for the formulation of Policy Addresses and Budgets, and conduct reviews from time to time having regard to Hong Kong's social development in order to ensure the appropriateness of Hong Kong's population policy.