

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Regulating mobile radio base stations to protect public health”
moved by Hon WONG Kwok-hing
at the Council meeting of 22 January 2014**

Motion as amended by Hon Charles Peter MOK

That, with the rising penetration rate of mobile communications services in Hong Kong, more and more people use mobile phone and data services, especially high speed mobile broadband services; in order to improve the quality of the relevant services, mobile service operators must identify suitable locations, such as rooftops and external walls of buildings, for installing mobile radio base stations (‘mobile base stations’), so as to enhance mobile network coverage and meet users’ demand for mobile data usage and speed; yet, people are concerned that the signals from mobile base stations on rooftops of buildings may affect residents’ health, and mobile base stations may also affect fire safety and building structure; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

- (1) encourage owners’ corporations or management companies of buildings to actively inform residents of matters relating to the installation of mobile base stations in buildings;
- (2) formulate a code of practice to require mobile service operators to alleviate the impact of mobile base stations on the public and buildings, and ensure the compliance of mobile base stations with the requirements of the relevant government departments and regulators, and devise a mechanism for handling complaints about mobile base stations;
- (3) having regard to the dense buildings and high population density in Hong Kong, require that the radiation levels of mobile base stations installed by mobile service operators in public areas must be in compliance with the safety standards set out in the Code of Practice for the Protection of Workers and Members of the Public against Non-Ionising Radiation Hazards from Radio Transmitting Equipment issued by the Office of the Communications Authority;
- (4) by making reference to other countries’ relevant research findings and professional opinions, timely conduct a review of Hong Kong’s safety standards of radiofrequency radiation, so as to protect public health; and

- (5) set up an inter-departmental task force to compile records and statistics on cases of mobile base stations affecting residents, and provide solutions to the residents who suffer nuisance.