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Motion on

"Encouraging the return of the industrial sector for development to make Hong Kong's industries more diversified" moved by Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan at the Council meeting of 19 March 2014

Motion as amended by Hon SIN Chung-kai, Hon Kenneth LEUNG and Hon CHAN Yuen-han

That in 2011, the manufacturing industry only accounted for around 1.6% of the Gross Domestic Product; in recent years, the industrial sector has intended to return to Hong Kong for development, and quite a number of enterprises also wish to relocate their core departments and high value-added industries back to Hong Kong, which can in fact help rebuild the brand effect of 'Made in Hong Kong', thereby increasing the export of quality Hong Kong products to the Mainland and overseas places, but at present, the development of Hong Kong's industries is homogeneous and stagnant, and not only does the Government not introduce any policy on supporting the development of new industries, it even plans to convert quite a number of industrial sites to residential uses, which dampen the desire of the industrial sector to return for development, and make it difficult to enhance the brand effect of 'Made in Hong Kong'; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to introduce concrete measures and support polices to encourage the return of the industrial sector for development, so as to make Hong Kong's industries more diversified; the relevant policies and measures should include:

- (1) to revitalize the various industrial estates, so as to induce the return of the industrial sector for development;
- (2) to expand the uses of the existing Innovation and Technology Fund and inject capital into the fund, so as to support the development of the innovation and technology industries;
- (3) to reserve more lands for developing data centres and develop Hong Kong into a technology and data hub of cloud computing in Asia; and
- (4) by making reference to the practices under the New Producer Responsibility Scheme on Glass Beverage Bottles, to provide market values for recyclable waste with low market values (e.g. plastics), and establish a government-funded body corporate for operating the waste

recycling industry on its own, thereby promoting the development of green industries;

in addition, the Government should plan afresh industrial sites in suitable districts and provide relevant infrastructural facilities to support industrial development; at the same time, due to the geographical environment and economic pattern of Hong Kong, the Government should motivate the sector to develop industries with emphasis on research and development, high technology, high value-adding, low pollution and lower requirement for site area, such as pharmaceutical production as well as fashion design and manufacturing; this Council also urges the Government to offer vocational and skills courses for training relevant talents, and build additional industrial estates.