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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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Motion on
“Regulating mobile radio base stations to protect public health”

Hon WONG Kwok-hing has given notice to move the attached motion on “Regulating mobile radio base stations to protect public health” at the Council meeting of 22 January 2014. The President has directed that it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

(Odelia LEUNG)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

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(Translation)

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

Wording of the Motion

That in recent years, the number of mobile radio base stations (‘mobile base stations’) installed by various telecommunications companies on the rooftops and external walls of buildings has substantially increased, and so far more than 32 000 mobile base stations have been installed in Hong Kong; the mobile base stations on quite a number of the rooftops of buildings are very dense, and information shows that 10 or so mobile base stations are installed on the rooftop of a building, with their locations very close to residential settlements, the most serious example being a mobile base station located less than 3 metres from residents’ beds, causing residents to be exposed directly to the effects of radiofrequency radiation emitted by the mobile base station, with cases such as infants having abnormal restlessness and wailing, and adults having symptoms of tinnitus, headaches, insomnia and marked deterioration of concentration, etc.; besides, mobile base stations installed on the rooftops of buildings also hinder residents from escape when there is fire and impair building structure; and the practice of the Communications Authority (‘CA’) not consulting affected residents prior to granting approval to telecommunications companies to install mobile base stations has deprived residents of the right to information and the right to monitoring; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

- (1) request CA to expeditiously review the vetting and approval procedure for installing mobile base stations to require that CA must consult affected residents beforehand when vetting and approving the relevant new applications or renewal applications, and formulate an implementation timetable for this new procedure;
- (2) expeditiously conduct a study on enacting legislation to regulate the installation of mobile base stations, including regulating the distance between mobile base station and residential settlement, the maximum number of mobile base stations installed in each building and the distance between one mobile base station and another, as well as devising a mechanism for handling complaints about mobile base stations, etc., and formulate a legislative timetable;

- (3) having regard to the dense buildings and high population density in Hong Kong, conduct a study on setting the non-ionizing radiation limits more stringent than those required by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection, so as to protect public health; and
- (4) request CA, the Department of Health and the Buildings Department to compile records and statistics on cases of mobile base stations affecting residents, and provide solutions to the residents who suffer nuisance.