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Amendments to motion on "The incident of attack on Mr Kevin LAU Chun-to, the former chief editor of Ming Pao Daily News"

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 449/13-14 issued on 5 March 2014, four Members (Hon Claudia MO, Hon Emily LAU, Hon Gary FAN and Hon Cyd HO) have respectively given notices of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Andrew LEUNG's motion on "The incident of attack on Mr Kevin LAU Chun-to, the former chief editor of Ming Pao Daily News" scheduled for the Council meeting of 19 March 2014. As directed by the President, the respective amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

- 2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and the four amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and the amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:
 - (a) the President calls upon Hon Andrew LEUNG to speak and move his motion;
 - (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Andrew LEUNG's motion;
 - (c) the President calls upon the four Members who wish to move amendments to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon Claudia MO;
 - (ii) Hon Emily LAU;

- (iii) Hon Gary FAN; and
- (iv) Hon Cyd HO;
- (d) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
- (f) the President gives leave to Hon Andrew LEUNG to speak for the second time on the amendments:
- (g) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak again;
- (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the four Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon Claudia MO to move her amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon Claudia MO's amendment;
- (i) after Hon Claudia MO's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other three amendments; and
- (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Andrew LEUNG to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Andrew LEUNG's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.
- 3. For Members' reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

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Encl.

(Translation)

Motion debate on "The incident of attack on Mr Kevin LAU Chun-to, the former chief editor of Ming Pao Daily News" to be held at the Council meeting of 19 March 2014

1. Hon Andrew LEUNG's original motion

That this Council is deeply shocked and outraged about the incident of attack on Mr Kevin LAU Chun-to, the former chief editor of Ming Pao Daily News, strongly condemns the violent acts of the assailants, and requests the Police to spare no effort to arrest the assailants so as to expeditiously bring them to justice.

2. Motion as amended by Hon Claudia MO

That acts of violence targeted on journalists and media organizations have been increasingly serious in recent years; this Council is deeply shocked and outraged about the incident of attack on Mr Kevin LAU Chun-to, the former chief editor of Ming Pao Daily News, strongly condemns the violent acts of the assailants, undertakes to make every endeavour to help safeguard freedom of the press and protect the personal safety of journalists and members of the industry, and requests the Police to spare no effort to arrest the assailants so as to expeditiously bring them to justice.

Note: Hon Claudia MO's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.

3. Motion as amended by Hon Emily LAU

That, over the past 10-odd years, Hong Kong journalists, media and publishing organizations were attacked successively or under arbitrary detention, posing ever-increasing threat to freedom of the press; this Council is deeply shocked and outraged about the incident of attack on Mr Kevin LAU Chun-to, the former chief editor of Ming Pao Daily News, strongly condemns the violent acts of the assailants, and requests the Police to spare no effort to arrest the assailants so as to expeditiously bring them to justice; the authorities must also give a detailed account of the reasons for the following cases involving Hong Kong journalists, media and publishing organizations which have yet to be detected after a long time, and explain how to assist in handling

an incident of arbitrary detention outside Hong Kong involving the person in charge of a publishing organization in the following:

- (1) the severing of the arm of Mr LEUNG Tin-wai, former publisher of Surprise Weekly, by two assailants on 14 May 1996;
- (2) the attack on Mr Albert CHENG Jing-han, a former programme host of Commercial Radio, by two knifemen on 19 August 1998;
- (3) the parcel bomb and the intimidation letter received by the editorial office of Ming Pao Daily News on 7 November 2005, which caused blast injuries to a staff member unpacking the parcel;
- (4) the criminal damage done to the printing factory of The Epoch Times Hong Kong on 28 February 2006, 23 February and 30 May 2013 respectively;
- (5) the damage done to the office of Hong Kong In-media on 8 August 2012;
- (6) the savage beating of Mr CHEN Ping, founder of iSun Affairs, on street on 3 June 2013;
- (7) the criminal damage done to the residence of Mr Jimmy LAI Chee-ying, founder of Apple Daily, on 19 June 2013;
- (8) the burning of large numbers of Apple Daily newspapers in an arson attack on 26 June 2013;
- (9) the criminal damage done to the car of Mr SHIH Wing-ching, founder of am730, on 30 July 2013;
- (10) the attack on Mr SUM Tak-keung, distributor of Apply Daily, by two biker knifemen on 5 September 2013;
- (11) the hacker attack on Housenews on 6 September 2013; and
- (12) the arbitrary detention of Mr YAO Wen-tian, the person in charge of Morning Bell Press, in Shenzhen in October 2013;

this Council considers that the Administration has the responsibility to protect journalists to enable them to work in an environment free from fear, so as to manifest freedom of the press.

Note: Hon Emily LAU's amendment is marked in **bold and italic type**.

4. Motion as amended by Hon Gary FAN

That this Council is deeply shocked and outraged about the incident of attack on Mr Kevin LAU Chun-to, the former chief editor of Ming Pao Daily News, strongly condemns the violent acts of the assailants, and requests the Police to spare no effort to arrest the assailants; moreover, the Secretary for Security and the Commissioner of Police must openly set a detection deadline for the incident, so as to expeditiously bring them to justice the mastermind and assailants to justice, and undertake to submit an investigation report to the Legislative Council before the expiry of the detection deadline, in order to be accountable for this matter, hence demonstrating the SAR Government's determination to protect Hong Kong's freedom of the press and of speech from the interference of violence as well as its commitment to protecting members of the media from intimidation.

Note: Hon Gary FAN's amendment is marked in **bold and italic type** or with deletion line.

5. Motion as amended by Hon Cyd HO

That this Council is deeply shocked and outraged about the incident of attack on Mr Kevin LAU Chun-to, the former chief editor of Ming Pao Daily News, strongly condemns the violent acts of the assailants, and requests the Police to spare no effort to arrest the assailants so as to expeditiously bring them to justice, and demonstrate the authorities' determination to protect the personal safety of journalists.

Note: Hon Cyd HO's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.