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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 6 November 2013

Motion on "Domestic free television programme service licences"

Hon James TO has given notice to move the attached motion on "Domestic free television programme service licences" at the Council meeting of 6 November 2013. 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

Encl.

(Translation)

Motion on "Domestic free television programme service licences" to be moved by Hon James TO at the Council meeting of 6 November 2013

Wording of the Motion

That the Administration has recently issued licences to two applicants of domestic free television programme service licences, but has refused to issue a licence to Hong Kong Television Network Limited ('HKTVN'); this Council expresses regret that the Administration vetted and approved the licence applications in a black box, and its licensing decision departed from public opinion and antagonized the people; besides, the public are very dissatisfied with the Chief Executive's refusal to openly give an account of the justifications for not issuing a licence to HKTVN on the grounds of the confidentiality principle of the Executive Council; in this connection, this Council urges the Chief Executive, on the premise of safeguarding the overall interest of society, to explain to the public the details of vetting and approval of the licence applications concerned (including the vetting and approval criteria), and the Chief Executive in Council should respond to public opinion and consider issuing a domestic free television programme service licence to HKTVN.