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Motion on
“Imposing economic sanctions on the Philippines and
restoring Hong Kong people’s dignity”

Hon Albert CHAN has given notice to move the attached motion on “Imposing economic sanctions on the Philippines and restoring Hong Kong people’s dignity” 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
“Imposing economic sanctions on the Philippines and
restoring Hong Kong people’s dignity”
to be moved by Hon Albert CHAN
at the Council meeting of 6 November 2013**

Wording of the Motion

That, on 23 August 2010, a Hong Kong tour group was tragically taken hostage in Manila in the Philippines; due to the Philippine authorities’ serious mishandling of the rescue work, the Philippine hostage incident eventually resulted in a tragedy with eight Hong Kong people killed and seven injured; more than three years have lapsed since the Philippine hostage incident, yet the Philippine Government has never faced up to the relevant demands of the victims’ families at all, even adopting an extremely poor attitude in handling the incident; however, after a Taiwan fisherman was shot dead by the Philippine Coast Guard in May this year, the Philippine Government tendered a formal apology for the incident within three months following Taiwan’s announcement of sanctions against the Philippines; given that the Philippine hostage incident has yet to be resolved properly, and the progress is hardly acceptable and is grossly unjust to the victims’ families, this Council urges the Government to impose strong and forceful economic sanction measures, so as to press the Philippine Government to make a prompt and formal response to the four demands of the victims’ families, i.e. to apologize to the victims’ families, to offer compensation to the victims’ families, to penalize the relevant officials for dereliction of duty in the Philippine hostage incident, and to implement measures to protect tourists’ personal safety.