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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 18 December 2013

Motion on
“Boosting and reviving the academic standard and atmosphere of
Hong Kong’s mathematics and the sciences, and
fully supporting the hosting of
international mathematics competitions”

Hon Mrs Regina IP has given notice to move the attached motion on “Boosting and reviving the academic standard and atmosphere of Hong Kong’s mathematics and the sciences, and fully supporting the hosting of international mathematics competitions” at the Council meeting of 18 December 2013. The President has directed that it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

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for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Boosting and reviving the academic standard and atmosphere of
Hong Kong’s mathematics and the sciences, and
fully supporting the hosting of
international mathematics competitions”
to be moved by Hon Mrs Regina IP
at the Council meeting of 18 December 2013**

Wording of the Motion

That Hong Kong has been awarded the right to host the 57th International Mathematical Olympiad (‘IMO’) in 2016, and IMO as one of the international competitions of the highest standard in the mathematics community not only helps to upgrade Hong Kong’s international reputation and status, but can also revive Hong Kong students’ mathematics standard in which they have all along taken pride, and stimulate students’ innovative ideas and desire for knowledge, thus promoting the development of new technology-intensive industries in Hong Kong; in 1994, Governor Chris PATTEN himself acted as the patron and fully supported Hong Kong’s hosting of the 35th IMO, and since the Hong Kong IMO Team’s first participation in the competition in 1988, its results have all along ranked among the top positions; as such, this Council urges the Government to fully support the IMO Hong Kong Committee in organizing the 57th IMO; specific measures should include:

- (1) since the opening and closing ceremonies of previous IMO competitions were all presided over by the heads of state, important royal family members or heads of government of the host countries or cities in the capacity as patrons, Hong Kong should also follow this tradition with the Chief Executive acting as the patron of the 57th IMO, so as to show its hospitality as the host;
- (2) to provide necessary assistance to contestants from various countries and their accompanying staff in respect of entry visas;
- (3) following the practice of previous IMOs, to assign relevant government officials and nominees of the IMO Hong Kong Committee as observers of the 55th IMO in 2014 and the 56th IMO in 2015, so that they can offer advice and support to Hong Kong regarding the hosting of the 57th IMO;

- (4) to conduct publicity and encourage the various sectors of the society to participate in this great event enthusiastically, so as to enhance the society's interest in learning mathematics, strengthen students' grasp of mathematics, and nurture and retain talents for the development of new technology-intensive industries in Hong Kong;
- (5) while the Education Bureau has agreed to support the hosting of this great event in principle and sponsor the costs of the opening and closing ceremonies and medal production, the Government should also assist the IMO Hong Kong Committee in applying for funding from the Mega Events Fund, the Quality Education Fund and other financial assistance etc., so as to obtain sufficient resources for discharging the host's obligations of providing team leaders, contestants and accompanying staff from various countries with meals, accommodation, in-town transport, souvenirs and other necessities;
- (6) to assist the IMO Hong Kong Committee in obtaining tourism resources for providing cultural activities to participating teams and accompanying staff from various participating countries, with a view to promoting Hong Kong's culture and enhancing Hong Kong's international image; and
- (7) to continue to support the Hong Kong IMO Team in participating in various mathematics competitions held in the Mainland, so as to promote cultural and academic exchanges between both places.