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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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Motion on "Reconstructing the image of Hong Kong's tourism industry"

Hon YIU Si-wing has given notice to move the attached motion on "Reconstructing the image of Hong Kong's tourism industry" at the Council meeting of 9 December 2015. The President has directed that it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

(Ms Dora WAI) for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

Motion on "Reconstructing the image of Hong Kong's tourism industry" to be moved by Hon YIU Si-wing at the Council meeting of 9 December 2015

Wording of the Motion

That according to the Third Quarter Economic Report 2015 published by the Government in November 2015, inbound tourism slackened further in the third quarter of 2015, and overall visitor arrivals to Hong Kong fell by 6.4% as compared to the same period last year, the first decline since the third quarter of 2009; the Report also points out that exports of travel services (covering visitors' spending on shopping, food and beverages, accommodation and entertainment, etc.) fell by 5.6% in real terms in the third quarter, and the average achieved hotel room rate also dropped by 13.1% as compared to the same period last year; as the share of tourists' shopping expenditure in retail sales value has been substantial (around 42% in 2014), the further slackening of inbound tourism has led to a decline in Hong Kong's total retail sales value for seven consecutive months this year, recording the longest downward trend over the past six years; this will also further affect Hong Kong's economy and employment; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to seriously review the reasons for the decline in visitor arrivals to Hong Kong, formulate corresponding measures and allocate additional resources to reconstruct the positive image of the tourism industry, with a view to preventing the continued decline in visitor arrivals to Hong Kong which will affect Hong Kong's economic development.