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Council meeting of 19 October 2016

Motion on
“Abolishing the Mandatory Provident Fund offsetting mechanism”
and “Requiring the teaching of Chinese history as an independent subject
at junior secondary level”

Hon WONG Kwok-kin and Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan have given separate notices to move respectively the attached motions on “Abolishing the Mandatory Provident Fund offsetting mechanism” and “Requiring the teaching of Chinese history as an independent subject at junior secondary level” at the Council meeting of 19 October 2016. The President has waived the required notice of the motions and directed that they be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. In addition, the President has directed that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the motions is **Friday, 14 October 2016**.

(Dora WAI)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Abolishing the Mandatory Provident Fund offsetting mechanism”
to be moved by Hon WONG Kwok-kin
at the Council meeting of 19 October 2016**

Wording of the Motion

That, since the implementation of the Mandatory Provident Fund (‘MPF’) scheme in 2000, its effectiveness has been questioned by society, and the MPF offsetting mechanism (i.e. the use of the accrued benefits derived from employers’ MPF contributions to offset severance payments and long service payments) has all along been criticized by society; as at the first quarter of 2016, over \$29.2 billion under the MPF scheme was offset, which seriously eroded the hard-earned money of wage earners and directly affected their retirement protection; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously abolish the MPF offsetting mechanism and comprehensively review the MPF scheme, so as to ensure that employees’ rights and interests will not be undermined and their retirement life be better protected.

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Requiring the teaching of Chinese history as an independent subject
at junior secondary level”
to be moved by Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan
at the Council meeting of 19 October 2016**

Wording of the Motion

That the Government has for many years permitted schools to teach Chinese history and world history or other humanities subjects at junior secondary level as a combined subject, but the contents of the curriculum make scanty mention of Hong Kong history and the interactive relationship between Hong Kong and the Mainland, rendering the younger generation unable to get to know the development process of the Chinese nation in a correct, comprehensive and systematic manner; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to require the teaching of Chinese history as an independent subject at junior secondary level and make the subject compulsory, and to expand the scope of the curriculum concerned to give more coverage to contemporary Chinese history and the interactive relationship between Hong Kong and the Mainland, so as to enable students to get to know the development process of the Chinese nation and China’s development in recent years more objectively and rationally from different perspectives.