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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Motion on
“Formulating a territory-wide long-term bazaar policy”**

Dr Hon LAU Siu-lai has given notice to move the attached motion on “Formulating a territory-wide long-term bazaar policy” at the Council meeting of 14 December 2016. The President has directed that it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

(Dora WAI)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Formulating a territory-wide long-term bazaar policy”
to be moved by Dr Hon LAU Siu-lai
at the Council meeting of 14 December 2016**

Wording of the Motion

That bazaars are part of the local culture, and they are also providing grass-roots people with employment opportunities and shopping venues for quality goods at low prices; but over the years, under the impact of managerialism mindset and ‘developer hegemony’, the Government has been suppressing hawkers who maintained the community ecology, and smothering the room for grass-roots people to earn a living and their freedom to use public spaces; even though the Government had discussions on matters related to hawkers and bazaars in the past, the relevant policies introduced were incomprehensive and lacked a direction; the Yau Tsim Mong District Council’s objection against the Government’s proposal to operate a ‘cooked food bazaar at MacPherson Playground’ during the Lunar New Year 2017 is a case in point; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

- (1) formulate a territory-wide long-term bazaar policy to preserve the existing bazaars and develop various kinds of bazaars, including grass-roots livelihood bazaars, home-made food bazaars, farmers’ bazaars, cooked food night bazaars, culture and arts bazaars, etc.;
- (2) set up a Bazaar Development Department to coordinate various government departments and District Councils for formulating a set of clear and standardized application process for bazaar operation, so as to assist community organizations and grass-roots people to apply for operating bazaars;
- (3) establish consultation channels to collect information on places proposed by the public and District Councils for operating bazaars, and draw up and make public a list of bazaar sites over the territory (including sites under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Lands Department, the Housing Department and the Highways Department), so that social welfare organizations and charitable bodies may borrow these sites for holding bazaar activities on a regular basis;
- (4) review the existing regulatory system on food production to allow grass-roots people who operate cooked food stalls to lawfully produce

or process food at home; and review the existing licensing conditions for small cooked food stalls, so that grass-roots people who operate cooked food stalls can warm food on the spot;

- (5) cooperate with local organizations to provide premises for ‘community kitchens’, so as to allow grass-roots people who operate cooked food stalls at bazaars to produce or process food in the relevant premises;
- (6) explore holding temporary holiday bazaars during holidays, such as Lunar New Year, Labour Day, Easter, Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival, Christmas Day, etc.; and implement a pilot scheme during Lunar New Year to select a Lunar New Year Fair and designate a pedestrian precinct for operating bazaars in each of the five major constituencies of Hong Kong, so as to allow people in each constituency to relish afresh authentic night bazaar culture; and
- (7) refrain from conducting eradication operations against bazaar hawkers during Lunar New Year before the formulation of a specific bazaar policy.