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**Amendments to motion on
“Prerequisites for the next Secretary for Education”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 192/16-17 issued on 2 December 2016, three Members (Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, Hon Charles Peter MOK and Hon Nathan LAW) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon IP Kin-yuen’s motion on “Prerequisites for the next Secretary for Education” scheduled for the Council meeting of 14 December 2016. As directed by the President, the respective amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and the three amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and the amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Hon IP Kin-yuen to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon IP Kin-yuen’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the three Members who wish to move amendments to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan;
 - (ii) Hon Charles Peter MOK; and
 - (iii) Hon Nathan LAW;

- (d) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
- (f) the President gives leave to Hon IP Kin-yuen to speak for the second time on the amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak again;
- (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the three Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan's amendment;
- (i) after Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other two amendments; and
- (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon IP Kin-yuen to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon IP Kin-yuen's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

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for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Prerequisites for the next Secretary for Education”
to be held at the Council meeting of 14 December 2016**

1. Hon IP Kin-yuen’s original motion

That, as the Secretary for Education Mr Eddie NG, in his term of office, has performed very poorly, neglected his duties, kept paying overseas visits and failed to actively handle issues of greatest concern to the education sector and people in the community, the implementation of the education policies lacks progress; according to the survey conducted between December 2015 and November 2016 by the Public Opinion Programme of The University of Hong Kong, the Secretary for Education persistently received a net popularity of over -40 percentage points, with almost 60% of the respondents persistently voted for his dismissal; as indicated by the findings of another survey, Survey on the Secretary for Education and Educational Issues in Hong Kong, that the Public Opinion Programme of The University of Hong Kong was commissioned to conduct between 24 May and 8 June 2016, Mr Eddie NG’s overall performance in administering education policies was given mean scores of 3.7 and 2.8 out of a full score of 10 by members of the public and teachers respectively; in this connection, with a view to restoring the confidence of the education sector and the public in the implementation of education policies, this Council urges that when appointing the Secretary for Education, the next Chief Executive must prudently select a person with integrity and strong commitment, who does not evade responsibilities, is willing to heed views, has a sense of mission for education, is conversant with education policies, and is willing to seriously examine the education system, so that education can return to the right track.

2. Motion as amended by Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan

~~That, as the Secretary for Education Mr Eddie NG, in his term of office, has performed very poorly, neglected his duties, kept paying overseas visits and failed to actively handle issues of greatest concern to the education sector and people in the community, the implementation of the education policies lacks progress; according to the survey conducted between December 2015 and November 2016 by the Public Opinion Programme of The University of Hong Kong, the Secretary for Education persistently received a net popularity of over -40 percentage points, with almost 60% of the respondents persistently voted for his dismissal; as indicated by the findings of another survey, Survey on the Secretary for Education and Educational Issues in Hong Kong, that the Public~~

~~Opinion Programme of The University of Hong Kong was commissioned to conduct between 24 May and 8 June 2016, Mr Eddie NG's overall performance in administering education policies was given mean scores of 3.7 and 2.8 out of a full score of 10 by members of the public and teachers respectively; in this connection, with a view to restoring the confidence of the education sector and the public in the implementation of education policies~~ ***education is the foundation of social development and the key to the nurturing of talents, therefore the Government must regard education with seriousness and complement education through formulating sound policies; in this connection,*** this Council urges that ~~when appointing the~~ ***the next*** Secretary for Education, the next Chief Executive must prudently select a person with integrity and ***must have*** strong commitment, who does not evade responsibilities, ~~is,~~ ***be*** willing to heed views, ~~has~~ ***of stakeholders in education and members of the public, have*** a sense of mission for education, ~~is~~ ***be*** conversant with education policies, and ~~is~~ ***be*** willing to seriously examine ***the inadequacies of*** the education system ***and make improvements,*** so that education can return to the right track ***our next generation can receive a more well-rounded education of better quality.***

Note: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon Charles Peter MOK

That, as the Secretary for Education Mr Eddie NG, in his term of office, has performed very poorly, neglected his duties, kept paying overseas visits ***but without being able to show the fruit of those visits in his work,*** and failed to actively handle issues of greatest concern to the education sector and people in the community, the implementation of the education policies lacks progress; ***the number of students taking elective subjects relating to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (collectively referred to as 'STEM') has been declining incessantly since the implementation of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination under the new academic structure, Hong Kong also lags far behind other advanced places in STEM education; besides, according to a study conducted under the Programme for International Student Assessment in 2015, the mean scores of Hong Kong students in science, reading and mathematics were markedly lower than those in the last study conducted in 2012, with the mean score in science recording the biggest drop;*** according to the survey conducted between December 2015 and November 2016 by the Public Opinion Programme of The University of Hong Kong, the Secretary for Education persistently received a net popularity of over -40 percentage points, with almost 60% of the respondents persistently voted for his dismissal; as indicated by the findings of another survey, Survey on the Secretary for Education and Educational Issues in Hong Kong, that the Public Opinion Programme of The University of Hong Kong was commissioned to

conduct between 24 May and 8 June 2016, Mr Eddie NG's overall performance in administering education policies was given mean scores of 3.7 and 2.8 out of a full score of 10 by members of the public and teachers respectively; in this connection, with a view to restoring the confidence of the education sector and the public in the implementation of education policies, this Council urges that when appointing the Secretary for Education, the next Chief Executive must prudently select a person with integrity and strong commitment, who does not evade responsibilities, is willing to heed views, has a sense of mission for education, is conversant with education policies, and is willing to seriously examine the education system, so that education can return to the right track.

Note: Hon Charles Peter MOK's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.

4. Motion as amended by Hon Nathan LAW

That, as the Secretary for Education Mr Eddie NG, in his term of office, has performed very poorly, neglected his duties, kept paying overseas visits and failed to actively handle issues of greatest concern to the education sector and people in the community, the implementation of the education policies lacks progress; according to the survey conducted between December 2015 and November 2016 by the Public Opinion Programme of The University of Hong Kong, the Secretary for Education persistently received a net popularity of over -40 percentage points, with almost 60% of the respondents persistently voted for his dismissal; as indicated by the findings of another survey, Survey on the Secretary for Education and Educational Issues in Hong Kong, that the Public Opinion Programme of The University of Hong Kong was commissioned to conduct between 24 May and 8 June 2016, Mr Eddie NG's overall performance in administering education policies was given mean scores of 3.7 and 2.8 out of a full score of 10 by members of the public and teachers respectively; ~~in this connection,~~ with a view to restoring the confidence of the education sector and the public in the implementation of education policies, this Council urges ~~that when appointing the Secretary for Education,~~ the next Chief Executive ~~must prudently select~~ *to appoint, on the premise of relieving the pressure on teachers and students as well as improving the quality of education,* a person with integrity and strong commitment, who does not evade responsibilities, is willing to heed views, has a sense of mission for education, is conversant with education policies, and is willing to seriously examine the education system, ~~so that education can return to the right track~~ *make the following pledges to take up the post of Secretary for Education:*

- (1) *respect institutional autonomy;*
- (2) *improve the teacher-student ratios in both primary and secondary schools;*

- (3) *abolish the Territory-wide System Assessment at Primary 3;*
- (4) *strengthen the support for grassroots students and students with special learning needs; and*
- (5) *review the education system with specific focus on the heavy homework and over-drilling for students.*

Note: Hon Nathan LAW's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.