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Motion on
“Striving to make sign language an official language of Hong Kong”

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung has given notice to move the attached motion on “Striving to make sign language an official language of Hong Kong” at the Council meeting of 11 January 2017. 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
“Striving to make sign language an official language of Hong Kong”
to be moved by Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
at the Council meeting of 11 January 2017

Wording of the Motion

That, as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (‘the Convention’) has been in force in Hong Kong since 31 August 2008, in which Article 21 states that States Parties shall ‘[r]ecogniz[e] and promot[e] the use of sign language’, Article 24 states that States Parties shall ‘[f]acilitat[e] the learning of sign language and the promotion of the linguistic identity of the deaf community’, and Article 30 states that ‘[p]ersons with disabilities shall be entitled, on an equal basis with others, to recognition and support of their specific cultural and linguistic identity, including sign languages and deaf culture’, this Council urges the Government to fulfil its obligations under the Convention to step up the promotion of sign language, so as to create a truly inclusive society; the relevant measures should include:

- (1) implementing the designation of sign language as an official language;
- (2) stepping up the promotion of sign language in primary and secondary schools;
- (3) requiring the provision of sign language interpretation for television news broadcasts; and
- (4) providing sign language training for staff of all government departments and public organizations to ensure that the departments and organizations concerned provide adequate sign language interpretation service for persons with disabilities.