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**Amendments to motion on
“Promoting ‘Hong Kong people using Hong Kong water’ and
protecting local resources”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 499/16-17 issued on 26 April 2017, three Members (Dr Hon Helena WONG, Hon LAU Kwok-fan and Hon Kenneth LEUNG) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Claudia MO’s motion on “Promoting ‘Hong Kong people using Hong Kong water’ and protecting local resources” scheduled for the Council meeting of 10 May 2017. 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 Claudia MO to speak and move her motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Claudia MO’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) Dr Hon Helena WONG;

- (ii) Hon LAU Kwok-fan; and
- (iii) Hon Kenneth LEUNG;
- (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 Claudia MO 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 Dr Hon Helena WONG to move her amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Dr Hon Helena WONG's amendment;
- (i) after Dr Hon Helena WONG'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 Claudia MO to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Claudia MO's motion, or her 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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Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Promoting ‘Hong Kong people using Hong Kong water’ and
protecting local resources”
to be held at the Council meeting of 10 May 2017**

1. Hon Claudia MO’s original motion

That this Council urges the next-term Government to expedite the promotion of ‘Hong Kong people using Hong Kong water’ by increasing the application of desalination technology in Hong Kong, so as to reduce reliance on Dongjiang water; besides, since frequent occurrence of reservoir overflow wastes a huge amount of local water resources, the next-term Government should revise the approach of purchasing Dongjiang water, switching from the ‘package deal lump sum’ approach to a ‘quantity-based charging’ approach.

2. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Helena WONG

That *at present, Hong Kong relies on Dongjiang water for about 80% of its fresh water supply; the price of Dongjian water in 2016 was almost 92% higher than that in 2006; under the ‘package deal lump sum’ mechanism, the average annual supply quantity of Dongjiang water to Hong Kong in the past 10 years was only 84.7% of the supply ceiling prescribed in the agreement for the supply of Dongjiang water, yet Hong Kong was required to pay the cost for the maximum supply quantity; in this connection,* this Council urges the ~~next-term~~ Government to expedite the promotion of ‘Hong Kong people using Hong Kong water’ by increasing the application of desalination technology in Hong Kong *and promoting the recycling of stormwater*, so as to reduce reliance on Dongjiang water; besides, since frequent occurrence of reservoir overflow wastes a huge amount of local water resources, the ~~next-term~~ Government should *examine various options, including constructing more reservoirs and increasing the storage capacities of existing reservoirs, and* revise the approach of purchasing Dongjiang water, switching from the ‘package deal lump sum’ approach to a ‘quantity-based charging’ approach, *so as to strive for a price bargaining mechanism that is most favourable, reasonable and highly transparent for Hong Kong.*

Note: Dr Hon Helena WONG’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon LAU Kwok-fan

That *as cities around the globe face the challenge of fresh water resources shortage at present*, this Council urges the ~~next-term~~ Government to expedite the promotion of ‘Hong Kong people using Hong Kong water’ by increasing the application of desalination technology in Hong Kong *Government to expeditiously complete the review on the Total Water Management Strategy, promote water conservation, actively exercise control on water pipe leakage, extend the use of non-potable water for flushing, adopt the ‘sponge city’ concept for collecting and optimizing the use of stormwater, develop new water resources (including reclaimed water and desalination) and protect water resources*, so as to reduce reliance on Dongjiang water; besides, since *due to* frequent occurrence of reservoir overflow wastes, *the Government should launch project works more actively under the Inter-reservoirs Transfer Scheme to transfer reservoir overflows to other reservoirs, so as to avoid wasting* a huge amount of local water resources, ~~the next-term~~; *the Government should also hold discussion with Mainland authorities on revising the approach of purchasing Dongjiang water, switching from the proposing to initially formulate a more reasonable ‘package deal lump sum’ approach to a of purchasing Dongjiang water based on past water consumption quantity, and then negotiate and set an arrangement of extra water supply featured by ‘quantity-based charging’ approach, as the relevant arrangement will not only guarantee stable water supply for Hong Kong while helping to reduce the quantity and cost of purchasing Dongjiang water, but will also allow greater room for redistribution of Dongjiang water resources for cities in the Dongjiang River Basin.*

Note: Hon LAU Kwok-fan’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

4. Motion as amended by Hon Kenneth LEUNG

That this Council urges the next-term Government to expedite the promotion of ‘Hong Kong people using Hong Kong water’ by increasing the *formulate a specific policy on water resources management, including enhancing public education on water conservation, enlarging the proportion of toilets with seawater flushing, developing the technology of recycling stormwater and sewage and expediting the extensive* application of desalination technology in Hong Kong, so as to reduce reliance on Dongjiang water *and achieve the objectives of water autonomy and diversification in Hong Kong*; besides, since frequent occurrence of reservoir overflow wastes a huge amount of local water resources, the next-term Government should revise the approach of purchasing

Dongjiang water, switching from the ‘package deal lump sum’ approach to a ‘quantity-based charging’ approach.

Note: Hon Kenneth LEUNG’s amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.