## (Translation)

## **Council meeting of 29 September 2021**

## Hon CHAN Chun-ying's motion on "Fostering the achievement of carbon neutrality"

## Motion as amended by Hon Elizabeth QUAT

That human activities cause an increase in atmospheric concentration of greenhouse gases, and as a result, climate change becomes an issue of global concern; the country's 14th Five-Year Plan states categorically that it will endeavour to achieve the peak of carbon emissions in 2030 and carbon neutrality before 2060; in order for Hong Kong to achieve the goal of carbon neutrality before 2050, the Government will update the 'Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan' in late 2021 to set out more proactive strategies to reduce carbon emissions and measures to cope with climate change; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to actively consider the following proposals:

- (1) stepping up public education and publicity on knowledge relevant to carbon neutrality, so as to encourage people to practise a green and low-carbon lifestyle;
- (2) various government departments taking the initiative to formulate and announce their respective carbon reduction targets, timetables and roadmaps, such as raising the proportion of electric vehicles in the government fleet and actively implementing green procurement, with a view to taking the lead to cope with climate change;
- (3) exploring and developing more green projects, including cooperating with the Mainland authorities in developing green infrastructure;
- (4) actively developing modes of public transport powered by new energies with low carbon emissions; and
- (5) expeditiously implementing the issuance of retail green bonds and examining the establishment of a carbon trading platform to direct market and private capital to support carbon neutrality, and actively developing green and sustainable finance.