

(Translation)

**Motion on "Problem of youngster gangs"
to be moved by Hon HO Sai-chu
at the Legislative Council meeting
on Wednesday, 2 June 1999**

Wording of the Motion

"That, in view of the increasing seriousness of the problem of youngster gangs, this Council urges the Government to thoroughly examine the causes of the problem and adopt a comprehensive package of measures to protect the development of young people, including:

- (a) strengthening the communication and co-operation among the police, schools and social service agencies to ensure that youngsters at risk and their families can receive proper care and counselling, including conducting educational programmes for parents to instil into them knowledge in family education and to urge them to attach importance to the care and education of their children and, at the same time, extending to other districts in Hong Kong the various schemes being implemented in some districts for youngsters at risk;
- (b) facing up to the unemployment problem among young people and providing temporary jobs for the unemployed youths as far as possible;
- (c) building the newly-developed and re-developed communities into multi-stratum communities through town planning, and adopting measures to prevent the emergence of crime blackspots in these communities;
- (d) determining the quantity and scale of youth service facilities in various districts flexibly after taking into full account the uniqueness of individual communities, such as their demographic structures and geographical locations;
- (e) enhancing the education on ethics, morality and the rule of law in schools, and strengthening teacher training in these regards, as well as introducing diversified curricula to provide more choices and development opportunities for students with different aptitudes;
- (f) implementing expeditiously the target of one social worker serving one school;
- (g) reviewing the current classification system and standards for printed publications with a view to preventing young people from being affected by publications containing violence and pornography, as well as adopting a classification system for electronic games containing violence and pornography; and
- (h) examining whether the penalties currently imposed on young criminals are appropriate, and strengthening rehabilitation services to assist them in developing a healthy way of living and reforming themselves."

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