

## **Mock Motion Debate**

### **Formulating a bicycle-friendly policy**

Using bicycles as a mode of transport will lower pollution, help save costs and improve health. This Council urges the Government to make a bicycle-friendly policy, plan for addition and improvement to bicycle-related facilities on urban roads, and introduce measures to turn bicycle into a major mode of transport. Members of the public will then be able to cycle in a convenient and safe environment.

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| <b>PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</b> | <p>: Members' motion with no legislative effect.</p> <p>Hon _____ (Name of the student acting as Legislative Council Member A who moves the motion) will move a motion on "Formulating a bicycle-friendly policy".</p> <p>I now call upon <u>Member A</u> to speak and move the motion.</p>  |
| <b>MEMBER A (GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCY)</b> | <p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>President, I move that the motion be passed to urge the Government to make a bicycle-friendly policy. Using bicycles for daily transportation can reduce emissions and noise from vehicles and help improve the physical fitness of the people. However, the Government has not yet introduced a comprehensive policy to support bicycle users. Therefore, I hope the Government will take immediate action to improve road design, educate drivers, improve the planning of bicycle-related facilities on urban roads, and introduce measures to make bicycle a major mode of transport ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> Thank you, President.</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p> |
| <b>PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</b> | <p>: I now propose the question to you and that is:</p> <p>That the motion moved by <u>Member A</u> be passed.</p> <p>Does any Member wish to speak?</p> <p><i>(The student acting as Legislative Council Member B (Sports, Performing Arts, Culture and Publication Functional Constituency) raises his/her hand)</i></p>   |
| <b>PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</b> | <p>: Hon _____ (Name of the student acting as Legislative Council Member B (Sports, Performing Arts, Culture and Publication Functional Constituency))</p>   |

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| <b>MEMBER B<br/>(SPORTS,<br/>PERFORMING<br/>ARTS, CULTURE<br/>AND<br/>PUBLICATION<br/>FUNCTIONAL<br/>CONSTITUENCY)</b> | <p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>President, I support <u>Member A</u>'s motion. Although Hong Kong cycling athletes have performed well in international competitions, cycling has not yet become part of our culture. Most people think that cycling is just a leisure activity. If the Government can improve urban roads to enable cycling to become a major mode of transport and part of people's lives, this will help promote a cycling culture ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> President, I so submit and support <u>Member A</u>'s motion. Thank you.</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p> <p><i>(The student acting as Legislative Council Member C (Election Committee) raises his/her hand)</i></p>  |
| <b>PRESIDENT OF<br/>THE<br/>LEGISLATIVE<br/>COUNCIL</b>  | <p>: <u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as Legislative Council Member C (Election Committee))</p>  |
| <b>MEMBER C<br/>(ELECTION<br/>COMMITTEE)</b>   | <p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>President, I oppose <u>Member A</u>'s motion. Without suitable facilities and enough bicycle parking spaces, pressing ahead with the promotion of cycling as a transport mode will only bring more problems. A large increase in the number of bicycle users will lead to a rise in illegal parking of bicycles, which not only affects views of streets but also blocks public spaces. Without parking facilities, bicycle users need to travel with their bicycles on public transport, which may inconvenience other passengers ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> President, I so submit and oppose <u>Member A</u>'s motion. Thank you.</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p> <p><i>(The student acting as Legislative Council Member D (Medical and Health Services Functional Constituency) raises his/her hand)</i></p> |
| <b>PRESIDENT OF<br/>THE<br/>LEGISLATIVE<br/>COUNCIL</b>  | <p>: <u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as Legislative Council Member D (Medical and Health Services Functional Constituency))</p>   |

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| <b>MEMBER D<br/>(MEDICAL AND<br/>HEALTH<br/>SERVICES<br/>FUNCTIONAL<br/>CONSTITUENCY)</b> | <p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>Thank you, President. I support <u>Member A</u>'s motion. A lack of exercise may lead to various health problems. According to government information, the energy consumed by cycling is about four times higher than that consumed by travelling by motor vehicle. Therefore, promoting cycling as an alternative transport mode can encourage the public to fit exercise into daily routine, which can relieve stress, enhance physical fitness, reduce the risk of heart disease and promote weight loss ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> President, I so submit and support <u>Member A</u>'s motion. Thank you.</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p> <p><i>(The student acting as Legislative Council Member E (Transport Functional Constituency) raises his/her hand)</i></p> |
| <b>PRESIDENT OF<br/>THE<br/>LEGISLATIVE<br/>COUNCIL</b>                                   | <p>: <u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as Legislative Council Member E (Transport Functional Constituency))</p>   |
| <b>MEMBER E<br/>(TRANSPORT<br/>FUNCTIONAL<br/>CONSTITUENCY)</b>                           | <p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>President, I oppose <u>Member A</u>'s motion. It is not proper for pedestrians, bicycles and motor vehicles to share roads because their speeds are different. Moreover, urban roads in Hong Kong are busy, narrow and crowded. There are always vehicles loading and unloading passengers and goods by the roadside. In recent years, serious or even deadly traffic accidents involving bicycles have mostly occurred on roads with motorised traffic. Therefore, we should not encourage the public to use bicycles as a mode of transport on busy roads... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> President, I so submit and oppose <u>Member A</u>'s motion. Thank you.</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p>  |
| <b>PRESIDENT OF<br/>THE<br/>LEGISLATIVE<br/>COUNCIL</b>                                   | <p>: Does any other Member wish to speak?</p> <p><i>(The rest of the students acting as Legislative Council Members may raise their hands to indicate their wish to speak. Students should wait until the President calls their names to stand up and speak)</i></p>   |

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|   | <p><u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as Legislative Council Member)</p> <p><i>(One by one, the President calls upon the students who have raised their hands to indicate their wish to speak to stand up and speak)</i></p>   |
| <b>HON<br/>(LEGISLATIVE<br/>COUNCIL<br/>MEMBER)</b>     | <p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>(Student to express his/her views)</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p>  |
| <b>PRESIDENT OF<br/>THE<br/>LEGISLATIVE<br/>COUNCIL</b> | <p>: <i>(All students who have raised their hands to indicate their wish to speak have finished delivering their speeches)</i></p> <p>Does any other Member wish to speak? (If no Member indicates a wish to speak)</p> <p>Secretary for Transport and Logistics.</p>  |
| <b>SECRETARY FOR<br/>TRANSPORT AND<br/>LOGISTICS</b>    | <p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>President, I am glad that many Members have spoken on the motion. The Government agrees that it is necessary to promote a cycling culture and formulate a bicycle-friendly policy, but we should proceed step by step with close attention to realistic conditions. Hong Kong is small and densely populated with heavy traffic. Meeting the daily transport needs of over seven million people while supporting the transportation of goods is a challenge for us. The Government will continue its efforts to promote a bicycle-friendly environment taking into consideration the actual circumstances... <i>(Student may come up with more points of his/her own)</i> Thank you, President.</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p> |
| <b>PRESIDENT OF<br/>THE<br/>LEGISLATIVE<br/>COUNCIL</b> | <p>: <u>Member A</u>, you may now reply. Then, the debate will come to a close.</p> <p><u>Member A</u>.</p>  |

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| <b>MEMBER A</b><br><b>(GEOGRAPHICAL</b><br><b>CONSTITUENCY)</b>           | : <i>(Stands up)</i><br>Thank you, President. The cycling policy in Hong Kong is behind the times. The Government should learn from successful overseas experiences and actively consider how to solve our problems. In addition, the Government must make relevant rules and regulations and teach the public the proper cycling attitude so that cycling can truly be safe and convenient and the public can travel more by bicycle and less by motor vehicle... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> I call upon Members to support my motion. Thank you, Honourable Members.<br><i>(Sits down)</i> |
| <b>PRESIDENT OF</b><br><b>THE</b><br><b>LEGISLATIVE</b><br><b>COUNCIL</b> | : I now put the question to you and that is:<br>That the motion moved by <u>Member A</u> be passed.<br><br>Will those in favour please raise their hands? <sup>1</sup><br><i>(The Clerk counts the votes)</i><br><br>Those against please raise their hands.<br><i>(The Clerk counts the votes)</i>  |

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| (If <u>over half</u> of the Members present<br>vote <u>in favour</u> of the motion) |  | (If <u>half or less than half</u> of the Members<br>present vote <u>in favour</u> of the motion) |  |
| <b>PRESIDENT OF</b><br><b>THE</b><br><b>LEGISLATIVE</b><br><b>COUNCIL</b>           | : I think the question<br>is agreed by a<br>majority of the<br>Members present.<br>I declare the<br>motion passed. | <b>PRESIDENT</b><br><b>OF THE</b><br><b>LEGISLATIVE</b><br><b>COUNCIL</b>                        | : I think the<br>question is not<br>agreed by a<br>majority of the<br>Members present.<br>I declare the<br>motion negated. |

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<sup>1</sup> To simplify the proceedings of the role-play, the passage of motions shall require a majority vote of the Members present. The voting procedure for real Council meetings is as follows:

- (a) the passage of motions or amendments introduced by the Government requires a majority vote of the Members present;
- (b) the passage of motions or amendments introduced by individual Members requires a majority vote of each of the two groups of Members present:
  - Members returned by the Election Committee; and
  - Members returned by functional constituencies and by geographical constituencies through direct elections.