

Mock Motion Debate

Enhancing the development of heritage tourism

Hong Kong has many monuments and historic buildings such as the former Kowloon-Canton Railway Clock Tower in Tsim Sha Tsui and Wong Tai Sin Temple. This Council urges the Government to review the existing ways of conserving heritage to make sure the work being carried out will meet the purposes of preserving the historic buildings as well as developing heritage tourism.

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PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: Members' motion: Enhancing the development of heritage tourism. <u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as Legislative Council Member A who moves the motion)
MEMBER A (TOURISM FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY)	: <i>(Stands up)</i> President, I move that the motion be passed, to urge the Government to enhance the development of heritage tourism and review the existing ways of conserving heritage. In preserving historic buildings, the Government needs to work on putting the buildings to new uses after repairs. Besides, as the Government has not required that tourist features be added to the buildings, the tourist industry may not benefit from the current methods ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> I believe the Government should make more efforts in promoting the development of heritage tourism to attract tourists to Hong Kong. Thank you, President. <i>(Sits down)</i>
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: I now propose the question to you and that is: That the motion moved by <u>Member A</u> be passed. Does any Member wish to speak? <i>(The student acting as Legislative Council Member B (Sports, Performing Arts, Culture and Publication Functional Constituency) raises his/her hand)</i>
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: <u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as Legislative Council Member B (Sports, Performing Arts, Culture and Publication Functional Constituency))

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MEMBER B (SPORTS, PERFORMING ARTS, CULTURE AND PUBLICATION FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY)	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i> President, I support <u>Member A</u>'s motion. Wing Lee Street in Central was the filming location of an award winning movie. After the movie was released, many visitors came to visit it and the street became a tourist spot. The street has therefore been preserved completely. This shows that we may preserve historic buildings by making them attractive to tourists. In addition, when more tourists come to visit, shops nearby will get more business ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> President, I so submit and support <u>Member A</u>'s motion. Thank you. <i>(Sits down)</i></p> <p><i>(The student acting as Legislative Council Member C (Geographical Constituency) raises his/her hand)</i></p>
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: <u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as Legislative Council Member C (Geographical Constituency))
MEMBER C (GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCY)	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i> President, I oppose <u>Member A</u>'s motion. When deciding which buildings should be preserved, the Government should consider not only the uses of the buildings, but also, among others, the special features of the nearby communities, future plans for the area, public views and needs of the community. More importantly, efforts made can help preserve historical and heritage sites. The Government should not place too much emphasis on developing tourist features ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> President, I so submit and oppose <u>Member A</u>'s motion. Thank you. <i>(Sits down)</i></p> <p><i>(The student acting as Legislative Council Member D (Election Committee) raises his/her hand)</i></p>
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: <u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as Legislative Council Member D (Election Committee))

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MEMBER D (ELECTION COMMITTEE)	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i> Thank you, President. Local history is attractive to tourists and historic buildings can showcase Hong Kong’s East-meets-West culture, such as the former Central Police Station (Tai Kwun), and the ex-Sham Shui Po Service Reservoir which has aroused much public concern recently. The Government should put special historic buildings to good use and add more tourist features, so that Hong Kong can have more destinations for recreational and leisure activities ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> President, I so submit and support <u>Member A</u>’s motion. Thank you. <i>(Sits down)</i></p> <p><i>(The student acting as Legislative Council Member E (Transport Functional Constituency) raises his/her hand)</i></p>
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	<p>: <u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as Legislative Council Member E (Transport Functional Constituency))</p>
MEMBER E (TRANSPORT FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY)	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i> Thank you, President. If historic buildings become tourist spots, the nearby streets and roads may become over-crowded and public facilities in the local area may not be enough to meet people’s needs. This will only end up affecting the life of the people in the area. The Government should make sure that the people living around these buildings agree with the idea of turning these buildings into tourist spots before taking action ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> President, I so submit and oppose <u>Member A</u>’s motion. Thank you. <i>(Sits down)</i></p>
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	<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 his/her name 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>
HON (LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER)	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i> (Student to express his/her views) <i>(Sits down)</i></p>
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	<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) Secretary for Development.</p>
SECRETARY FOR DEVELOPMENT	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i> President, I am pleased that many Members agree with the Government's plan to preserve our heritage. Historic buildings may have many uses. Developing them into tourist attractions is an option worthy of study. In the future, the Government will work harder to promote the historic buildings so that people will know more about Hong Kong. At the same time, we shall think about how to preserve historic buildings in other ways ... <i>(Student may come up with more points of his/her own)</i> Thank you, President. <i>(Sits down)</i></p>
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	<p>: <u>Member A</u>, you may now reply. This debate will come to a close after <u>Member A</u> has replied. <u>Member A</u>.</p>
MEMBER A (TOURISM FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY)	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i> Thank you, President. The Secretary mentioned that more work on promotion will be carried out, but it is more important to make a clear plan and timetable for the conservation of</p>

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	<p>historic buildings. Meanwhile, the Government should put some efforts in planning out tourist features to be added to the buildings. We must take into account ideas from all sides, so that we can get a result that is good for all ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> I call upon Members to support my motion. Thank you.</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p>

<p>PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</p>	<p>I now put the question to you and that is: : That the motion moved by <u>Member A</u> be passed.</p>
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Will those in favour please raise their hands?¹
(The Clerk counts the votes)

Those against please raise their hands.
(The Clerk counts the votes)

(If over half of the Members present
vote in favour of the motion)

(If half or less than half of the Members
present vote
in favour of the motion)

<p>PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</p>	<p>: I think the question is agreed by a majority of the Members present. I declare the motion passed.</p>
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<p>PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</p>	<p>: I think the question is not agreed by a majority of the Members present. I declare the motion negatived.</p>
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¹ 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.