

Mock Motion Debate

Enhancing the development of heritage tourism

As of 2022, Hong Kong has a total of over 130 monuments and 1 600-odd graded historic buildings, and it is believed that such numbers will certainly increase as time flies; as regards preservation of existing monuments and historic buildings, one approach is to revitalize them, so as to promote co-existence of conservation and development.

Given that heritage conservation is a global trend, this Council urges the Government to examine the relevant existing policies with a view to enhancing the development of heritage tourism and stimulating the growth of tourism industry at large.

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PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: Members' motion: Promoting 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, so as to urge the Government to examine the relevant existing policies with a view to enhancing the development of heritage tourism, and increasing the number of buildings covered under the revitalization scheme. At present, among the 1 600-odd graded historic buildings in Hong Kong, only 20 or so government-owned historic buildings have been included in the revitalization scheme. In addition, the Government does not require revitalization projects to include elements that can stimulate tourism. It is imaginable that the tourism industry may not benefit from the scheme at all ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> Therefore, I believe that the Government should formulate a comprehensive strategy to revitalize historic buildings with rich features in a better-planned manner, to ensure the development of heritage tourism and greater appeal of Hong Kong to tourists. 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></p> <p>President, I support <u>Member A</u>'s motion. Thanks to the fact that Wing Lee Street in Central was once a shooting location for an award winning Hong Kong film, it has been preserved intact and become a tourist attraction. This example shows how different industries can affect each other as well as the development potential and value of historic buildings. Adding tourism elements when revitalizing historic buildings can facilitate the development of heritage tourism and increase incentives for tourists to travel to Hong Kong; and create business opportunities for other industries in a mutually advantageous manner ... <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 (Geographical 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 C (Geographical Constituency))</p>
MEMBER C (GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCY)	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>President, I oppose <u>Member A</u>'s motion. When determining the list of buildings that can be revitalized, the authorities should make comprehensive consideration. In addition to the uses of buildings, the authorities should also take into account the special features of the communities in the vicinity, development directions, and so on. More importantly, rather than focusing solely on developing tourism facilities, consideration should be given to public aspirations and community needs. The mandatory inclusion of tourism value as a criterion for appraising proposals for revitalization projects will have an adverse effect, with less interested groups making tender applications. It may not be conducive to boosting the tourism industry ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> President, I so submit and oppose <u>Member A</u>'s motion. Thank you.</p>

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(Sits down)

(The student acting as Legislative Council Member D (Election Committee) raises his/her hand)

PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL : Hon _____ (Name of the student acting as Legislative Council Member D (Election Committee))

MEMBER D (ELECTION COMMITTEE) : *(Stands up)*
Thank you, President. PMQ and Tai Kwun, revitalized from a former police married quarters and the former Central Police Station respectively, are among the heritage tourist attractions which have gained very high popularity upon completion of the revitalization works. The ex-Sham Shui Po Service Reservoir, which has been accorded Grade 1 historic building status recently, has become a tourist hot spot after opening for visiting in the form of public guided tours. Tourism is an important industry in Hong Kong and historic buildings can appeal to tourists. Technologies such as augmented reality (“AR”), if applied appropriately, can elevate visitors’ travel experience without affecting the daily lives of the residents in the area concerned. The Government absolutely has an edge in making heritage tourism another highlight of Hong Kong ... *(Student may express more views freely)* President, I so submit and support Member A’s motion. Thank you.
(Sits down)

(The student acting as Legislative Council Member E (Transport Functional Constituency) raises his/her hand)

PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL : Hon _____ (Name of the student acting as Legislative Council Member E (Transport Functional Constituency))

MEMBER E (TRANSPORT FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY) : *(Stands up)*
Thank you, President. It is a good idea to make focused efforts to use local cultural features to attract tourists, but consideration has to be given to the transportation facilities

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	<p>in the vicinity of the selected sites. If historic buildings become tourist hot spots, traffic loading will very probably be induced to the adjacent communities and the daily lives of the public will be affected. In addition, some better revitalization proposals that can bring benefits to people's livelihood and cultural industry despite the absence of tourism elements will be ruled out. In fact, formulating conservation plans that meet public aspirations should be our premise. It should only be considered a bonus if the tourism industry can be given a boost ... <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>PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</p>	<p>: Does any other Member wish to speak? <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>
	<p><u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as Legislative Council Member) <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>
<p>HON (LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER)</p>	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i> (Student to express his/her views) <i>(Sits down)</i></p>
<p>PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</p>	<p>: <i>(All students who have raised their hands to indicate their wish to speak have finished delivering their speeches)</i> Does any other Member wish to speak? (If no Member indicates a wish to speak) Secretary for Development.</p>

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SECRETARY FOR DEVELOPMENT	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>President, I am pleased that many Members identify with the notions of the Government's policy on heritage conservation. Using historic buildings as one of the selling points to promote Hong Kong's tourism industry is a proposal worthy of looking into, but the inclusion of tourism elements as a mandatory criterion for appraising revitalization proposals submitted by non-profit organizations may obliterate the diversity of the uses of the historic buildings to be revitalized, and add to the burdens on non-profit organizations. I pledge that I will enhance the efforts to give highlight to the features of Hong Kong's historic buildings, and include as far as possible tourism development potential as one of the factors for consideration when announcing the next list of buildings ... <i>(Student may come up with more points of his/her own)</i> Thank you, President.</p> <p><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></p> <p>Thank you, President. Just now the Secretary mentioned that publicity efforts will be stepped up, but actually the point is that specific improvement targets and a timetable should be formulated, so as to conserve and revitalize historic buildings. It is necessary to strategically develop tourism attractions while carrying out revitalization, which will be a win-win approach for both the Government and the organizations concerned. The inclusion of tourism elements in their revitalization project proposals enables non-profit organizations to open up the facilities to visitors and operate services like guided tours, and thereby explore more revenue sources to support the running of the facilities and ensure sustainable development ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> I call upon Members to support my motion. Thank you, Honourable Members.</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p>

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PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: I now put the question to you and that is: That the motion moved by <u>Member A</u> be passed.
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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)

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