

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Assisting in the transformation of factory buildings”
moved by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 31 January 2007**

Wording of the Motion

“That, as factories have been relocated to the north in large numbers and the economy of Hong Kong has totally shifted towards being dominated by service industries, which has resulted in a high vacancy rate of local factory buildings and has turned some traditional industrial districts into ‘stricken areas’, which is a tremendous waste of social resources, this Council urges the Government to adopt in a timely and appropriate manner more flexible policies to assist in the transformation of traditional factory buildings, so as to adapt to the present economic and commercial development situation, which include:

- (a) reviewing afresh and amending the definitions of ‘industrial use’ and ‘factory’ in the relevant legislation and policies;
- (b) on the premise of meeting building safety requirements, enhancing the coordination among relevant departments to provide one-stop services, so as to streamline and expedite the processing and approval of applications by factory building owners for changing the use of land or factory buildings; and
- (c) at town planning level, encouraging overall planning for vacated factory buildings in old industrial areas, such as developing theme areas for creative industries, electrical appliance cities and merchandizing cities,

so that trades other than the traditional industries can also make use of factory buildings for their development, with a view to revitalizing old industrial areas, reviving community economy and creating more employment opportunities.”