(Translation)

Motion on

"Assisting people with disabilities in integrating into society" moved by Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung at the Legislative Council meeting of Wednesday, 15 November 2006

Motion as amended by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

"That, as motions were passed by this Council in the 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2005-2006 sessions calling for improvement to transport facilities for people with disabilities and the offer of concessionary fares to them, this Council requests the Administration to expeditiously adopt effective measures to fulfil the following demands:

- (a) examining the existing legislation and, if necessary, introducing legislative amendments or enacting laws to press various public transport operators to offer public transport half-fare concessions to people with disabilities, or making reference to overseas experience to provide transport subsidy for them and considering extending the concessions to their escorts;
- (b) allocating additional resources to expeditiously improve the Rehabus service, including increasing the number of such vehicles and strengthening the service;
- (c) requesting various public transport operators to draw up specific plans and timetables for improving their facilities to reduce the barriers to people with disabilities, so that they can have easy access to all major public transport facilities;
- (d) introducing rehabilitation taxis, which are easy to board and alight for wheelchair-bound persons; and
- (e) implementing in all government departments and public bodies a voluntary quota system for employing people with disabilities, requesting them to set indicators for and report annually on the employment of the disabled, as well as encouraging the private sector to follow suit,

so as to enable more people with disabilities to integrate into society, with a view to achieving the objective of 'A Society for All' promoted by the Government."