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### **Council meeting of 2 July 2008**

# Motion on "Proactively promoting waste recovery and recycling"

Hon Vincent FANG Kang has given notice to move the attached motion on "Proactively promoting waste recovery and recycling" at the Council meeting of 2 July 2008. The President has directed that "it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in" on the Agenda of the Council.

( Mrs Justina LAM ) for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

#### (Translation)

#### Motion on

"Proactively promoting waste recovery and recycling" to be moved by Hon Vincent FANG Kang at the Legislative Council meeting of Wednesday, 2 July 2008

#### **Wording of the Motion**

"That, as the amount of waste generated in Hong Kong continues to increase, in which there are a lot of recyclable and useful materials, yet the Hong Kong Government has no dedicated department responsible for waste recovery and no policy to encourage the recycling industries to recycle local waste, resulting in a large quantity of useful materials being dumped at landfills; together with the imminent passage of the Product Eco-responsibility Bill, which contains no proposal on complementary measures to recover and recycle plastic bags, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) review the effectiveness of the relevant Ordinance one year after the imposition of levy on plastic bags, including the quantity of plastic bags reduced, recovered and recycled;
- (b) establish a dedicated department under the Environment Bureau to formulate a policy on recovery of recyclable waste, and enhance its collaboration with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, which is responsible for handling refuse, to implement separate recovery of recyclable waste;
- (c) provide incentives or appropriate assistance to waste collectors, and regulate the recovery trades and promote their development; and
- (d) provide incentives in terms of taxation or land, etc. to attract advanced local or international waste recycling trades to invest in the waste recycling industries in Hong Kong, so as to process the waste generated locally by recycling as far as practicable, thereby reducing the waste ultimately dumped at landfills, promoting the sustainable development of the Hong Kong economy, and creating job opportunities."