(Translation)

Motion on

"Optimizing the use of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor" moved by Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung at the Legislative Council meeting of Wednesday, 30 January 2008

Motion as amended by Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming and Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

"The persistently very big discrepancy between the traffic flow of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor (i.e. the Shenzhen Bay Port and the Shenzhen Bay Bridge), which was built for alleviating the frequent congestion at other cross-boundary control points, and the projected figures since its commissioning on 1 July last year indicates the failure of the Corridor to serve its intended purpose; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) expeditiously discuss with the Mainland authorities to improve the ancillary facilities in the vicinity of the port area, expedite the construction of the Guangshen Yanjiang Expressway;
- (b) expedite the works on the Tuen Mun Western Bypass and Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link, which are connected to the Corridor;
- (c) explore incentives on various fronts to attract more cross-boundary vehicles to use the Corridor;
- (d) discuss with the Mainland Government to totally relax the restrictions on the use of cross-boundary vehicular permits to allow vehicles with Lok Ma Chau, Sha Tau Kok or Man Kam To cross-boundary vehicular permits to use the Corridor;
- (e) discuss with the Mainland Government to provide more cross-boundary coach and franchised bus routes; and
- (f) open up the port to allow entry of school buses; and
- (g) improve the public transport services between the New Territories West and the port,

with a view to optimizing the use of the port, achieving the function of diverting traffic flows and alleviating the traffic congestion at other control points."