(Translation)

Motion on "Promoting the introduction of monthly ticket and student fare concessions to all MTR lines" moved by Hon LAU Kong-wah at the Legislative Council meeting of Wednesday, 5 March 2008

Motion as amended by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung and Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

"That, in view of the fact that at present, cross-boundary students attending schools in Hong Kong every day have to pay the high fares of cross-boundary MTR lines and, after the rail merger, the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) has not introduced the monthly ticket concessions offered by the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation and the student fare concessions offered by the former MTR Corporation to all its rail lines, thus creating unfair situations, this Council urges the Government to discuss with MTRCL to promote the introduction of the above two types of fare concessions to all MTR lines, so as to eliminate the present unfair situations and, when introducing such concessions, consider extending the concessions to cross-boundary students to alleviate their burden of travelling expenses, so as to benefit all passengers including cross-boundary students, as well as to extend the student fare concessions offered by the former MTR Corporation to cover full-time students over 25 years of age; moreover, in addition to introducing the monthly ticket concessions offered by the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation to all its rail lines, such monthly ticket concessions should be made a standing arrangement."