

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Opportunities to Hong Kong brought about by
the thawing cross-strait relations”
moved by Hon TAM Yiu-chung
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 4 June 2008**

**Motion as amended by Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye
and Hon Howard YOUNG**

“That, as the new political situation in Taiwan presents major opportunities for the peaceful development of cross-strait relations and the ‘Three Direct Links’ across the Taiwan Strait may hopefully be established earlier, this Council urges the SAR Government to expeditiously strengthen, through various channels, the close ties between Hong Kong and Taiwan under the framework of the Basic Law, promote exchanges between the two places, as well as study and implement various proactive measures in respect of finance, economic and trade, aviation and transportation, tourism, technology and immigration arrangements, etc, including promoting with Taiwan arrangements for the avoidance of double taxation, etc, thereby enhancing Hong Kong’s competitiveness to enable it to become a business platform in the Greater China region, and facilitating the four places on both sides of the Strait to achieve a win-win situation; this Council also urges the SAR Government to implement the granting of visa-on-arrival to Taiwan travellers visiting Hong Kong.”