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#### **Council meeting of 17 June 2009**

## Motion on "Promoting cooperation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen"

Hon LAU Kong-wah has given notice to move the attached motion on "Promoting cooperation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen" at the Council meeting of 17 June 2009. 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

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#### (Translation)

# Motion on "Promoting cooperation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen" to be moved by Hon LAU Kong-wah at the Legislative Council meeting of Wednesday, 17 June 2009

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

That, under the impact of the financial tsunami, Hong Kong's economic development should seek new opportunities amid the crisis and enhance cooperation with Shenzhen, and operating businesses in the Pearl River Delta will be the new economic drive for Hong Kong in the future; recently, the State Council has approved the Shenzhen Overall Comprehensive Reform Pilot Programme and Shenzhen has proposed to jointly establish with Hong Kong a global 'logistics centre', 'trade centre', 'innovation centre' and 'international cultural creativity centre', which is a course of action taken by the Central Authorities to implement the Outline of the Plan for the Reform and Development of the Pearl River Delta (2008-2020), and Hong Kong should also grasp the opportunity, change its mindset and take the initiative to plan for the future; this Council urges the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to:

- (a) take the initiative to expeditiously start discussion with Shenzhen on jointly establishing a global 'logistics centre', 'trade centre', 'innovation centre' and 'international cultural creativity centre', so as to deepen its cooperative relationship with Shenzhen;
- (b) enhance cooperation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen on the financial front, assist local securities companies in setting up offices in Shenzhen at an early stage and on a pilot basis, and study the feasibility of merging the two stock exchanges in Hong Kong and Shenzhen, thereby combining the strengths of both places and increasing the depth and breadth of the market, so as to consolidate Hong Kong's status as an international financial centre;
- (c) create a new Hong Kong-Shenzhen cooperation mechanism, and study the feasibility of setting up an integrated office on Hong Kong-Shenzhen opportunities;
- (d) formulate publicity strategies to promote to the world Hong Kong's opportunities for cooperation with Shenzhen and the Pearl River Delta, so as to attract more investments and talents;

- (e) discuss with Shenzhen the joint planning and development of the Qianhai zone in Shenzhen, and explore the feasibility of Hong Kong and Shenzhen jointly operating businesses in the Qianhai cooperation zone;
- (f) expedite and push forward the works for the interface of major infrastructural facilities in Hong Kong and Shenzhen, and speed up the implementation of measures to facilitate Shenzhen residents to visit Hong Kong, so as to achieve a more convenient and efficient flow of people, capital, goods and information;
- (g) assist Hong Kong's professional services industries to develop in Shenzhen, and implement facilitation measures to further relax market entry for the services in 20 areas covered in Supplement VI to the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, namely, legal, architecture, healthcare, research and development, real estate, convention and exhibition, telecommunications, audio and visual, distribution, banking, securities, tourism, cultural and recreational, maritime transport, air transport, railway transport, individually-owned stores, job intermediary, printing and publishing, and public utilities, etc;
- (h) jointly build green and environmental cities with Shenzhen, raise the air and water quality in Shenzhen and Hong Kong, and develop green and environmental industries;
- (i) jointly develop education industries with Shenzhen, and assist Hong Kong's tertiary institutions in setting up branch campuses in Shenzhen;
- (j) cooperate with Shenzhen to facilitate Hong Kong products in entering the Mainland's local consumption market, so as to boost Hong Kong brands and assist Hong Kong enterprises in their transformation;
- (k) expeditiously implement various development proposals in the Hong Kong-Shenzhen river-loop area; and
- (l) foster integration of the two places, including abolishing telephone roaming charges in both places, developing an Octopus Card (electronic wallet) which can be used in both places, establishing public transport services systems which link up the two places, and setting up 24-hour boundary control points, etc.