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Motion on
“Seizing the chance to turn the risks from the
‘Three Direct Links’ across the Taiwan Strait into opportunities”

Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun has given notice to move the attached motion on “Seizing the chance to turn the risks from the ‘Three Direct Links’ across the Taiwan Strait into opportunities” at the Council meeting of 24 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

Encl.

(Translation)

Motion on
“Seizing the chance to turn the risks from the
‘Three Direct Links’ across the Taiwan Strait into opportunities”
to be moved by Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun
at the Legislative Council meeting of
Wednesday, 24 June 2009

Wording of the Motion

That, since the implementation of the ‘Three Direct Links’, i.e. direct maritime, air and postal links, across the Taiwan Strait in December last year, coupled with the impact of the financial tsunami, the air passenger and air cargo traffic of Hong Kong has, to a certain extent, been affected; however, apart from promoting cross-strait exchanges and trade flows, the ‘Three Direct Links’ across the Taiwan Strait is also a development opportunity for Hong Kong; as such, this Council urges the Government to formulate a comprehensive plan to turn the ‘Three Direct Links’ across the Taiwan Strait into an opportunity for Hong Kong to further develop the relations among the three places across the Taiwan Strait, including:

- (a) conducting a study on fully opening up air rights on a reciprocal basis with the Mainland and Taiwan, so as to raise Hong Kong’s position as a regional and international aviation centre;
- (b) strengthening cooperation with the neighbouring airports in the Pearl River Delta to achieve complementarity of edge, so as not to result in mismatched development and to consolidate Hong Kong’s status in aviation;
- (c) putting into place arrangement for mutual visa-free access between Hong Kong and Taiwan, and establishing formal channels among the three places across the Taiwan Strait to strengthen exchanges and cooperation at the non-government and societal level as well as in areas of tourism, culture and creativity, etc; and
- (d) setting up a high level inter-departmental task force to study and coordinate long-term development plans for promoting economic and trade cooperation among the three places across the Taiwan Strait.