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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 3 December 2008

Motion on
“Formulating new policies on public and public housing estate markets”

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan has given notice to move the attached motion on “Formulating new policies on public and public housing estate markets” at the Council meeting of 3 December 2008. 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
“Formulating new policies on public and public housing estate markets”
to be moved by Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 3 December 2008

Wording of the Motion

“That, as the Administration’s approach in planning and managing public and public housing estate markets is very outdated, hence all along it is unable to boost customer flows effectively, and has even resulted in serious vacancy situation in some public and public housing estate markets, this Council urges the Administration to immediately formulate policies on public and public housing estate markets which meet the needs of a modern society, and particularly in view of the recent economic downturn and the worsening trend of the unemployment rate, it is necessary for the Administration to expeditiously enhance the competitiveness of public and public housing estate markets, and assist small traders in these markets in countering monopolization by supermarkets, so as to benefit the grassroots; the measures include:

- (a) actively allocating resources to improve the business environment of markets, such as installing additional air-conditioning systems and escalators, thereby boosting customer flows to bring about long-term return;
- (b) analyzing in depth, from a market perspective, the needs of the districts to which the markets belong, and planning afresh the sizes, types of commodities sold, layout of stalls and ancillary measures of individual markets;
- (c) adopting proactive letting policies, such as offering short-term rent concessions to improve the situation of low occupancy and striving to assist traders in the markets in introducing new types of commodities or services, so as to inject new elements into the markets and bring into play their characteristics of trade mix; and
- (d) appropriately relaxing the tenancy conditions of market stalls so as to facilitate business operations as far as possible and enable traders to provide unique value-added services, thereby enhancing the attractiveness of the markets.”