

立法會
Legislative Council

LC Paper No. CB(3) 323/09-10

Ref : CB(3)/M/MM
Tel : 2869 9205
Date : 7 January 2010
From : Clerk to the Legislative Council
To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 13 January 2010

**Proposed amendment to motion on
“Promoting the philosophical thinking of Confucianism”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 295/09-10 issued on 4 January 2010, Hon WONG Ting-kwong has given notice to move an amendment to Hon CHAN Kam-lam’s motion on “Promoting the philosophical thinking of Confucianism” scheduled for the Council meeting of 13 January 2010. As directed by the President, Hon WONG Ting-kwong’s amendment will be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. For Members’ ease of reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

(Mrs Justina LAM)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Promoting the philosophical thinking of Confucianism”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 13 January 2010**

1. Hon CHAN Kam-lam’s original motion

That, given that Confucius’ philosophical thinking of Confucianism is highly respected by many countries in the world, and Confucius was long ago elected one of the 10 most outstanding philosophers in the world, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization established a ‘Confucius Prize for Literacy’ in 2005 to award individuals who have made remarkable contribution to education, it is evident that the philosophical thinking of Confucianism is held in high esteem in the world; in view of the weak concept of morality of the Hong Kong community, increasingly distant moral relationship, confusing social values, the frequent occurrence of domestic violence and child abuse incidents, as well as the serious problems of drug addiction, drug abuse and compensated dating among young people, there is indeed a need for the Government to revive the philosophy of Confucianism in the community, with a view to building social order and harmony, strengthening business ethics, and enhancing personal virtues and qualities; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) promote the philosophy of Confucianism to revive the concept of public morality, and strengthen the maintenance of ethical relationship in families to enhance the community spirit of mutual help;
- (b) promote the application of the philosophy of Confucianism to social enterprises and business operations, so as to enhance the humanistic qualities of the public;
- (c) introduce in schools and tertiary institutions moral education courses which feature traditional Chinese cultural thinking and emphasize the cultivation of one’s moral character; and
- (d) designate the birthday of Confucius as the Confucius Day to establish the esteemed position of Confucian thinking in the Hong Kong community.

2. Motion as amended by Hon WONG Ting-kwong

That, given that Confucius’ philosophical thinking of Confucianism is highly respected by many countries in the world, and Confucius was long ago elected one of the 10 most outstanding philosophers in the world, and the United Nations

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization established a 'Confucius Prize for Literacy' in 2005 to award individuals who have made remarkable contribution to education, it is evident that the philosophical thinking of Confucianism is held in high esteem in the world; in view of the weak concept of morality of the Hong Kong community, increasingly distant moral relationship, confusing social values, the frequent occurrence of domestic violence and child abuse incidents, as well as the serious problems of drug addiction, drug abuse and compensated dating among young people, there is indeed a need for the Government to revive the philosophy of Confucianism in the community, with a view to building social order and harmony, strengthening business ethics, and enhancing personal virtues and qualities; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) promote the philosophy of Confucianism to revive the concept of public morality, and strengthen the maintenance of ethical relationship in families to enhance the community spirit of mutual help;
- (b) promote the application of the philosophy of Confucianism to social enterprises and business operations, so as to enhance the humanistic qualities of the public;
- (c) introduce in schools and tertiary institutions moral education courses which feature traditional Chinese cultural thinking and emphasize the cultivation of one's moral character; and
- (d) designate the birthday of Confucius as the Confucius Day, ***and consider designating that day as a public holiday, so as*** to establish the esteemed position of Confucian thinking in the Hong Kong community.

Note: Hon WONG Ting-kwong's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type***.