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**Proposed amendments to motion on
“The development of self-financing post-secondary institutions”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 546/10-11 issued on 4 March 2011, three Members (Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong, Hon WONG Kwok-hing and Hon Tanya CHAN) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Starry LEE Wai-king’s motion on “The development of self-financing post-secondary institutions” scheduled for the Council meeting of 16 March 2011. As directed by the President, the respective proposed amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Hon Starry LEE to speak and move her motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Starry LEE’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the three Members, who intend to move amendments, to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong;
 - (ii) Hon WONG Kwok-hing; and

- (iii) Tanya CHAN;
- (d) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
- (f) the President gives leave to Hon Starry LEE to speak for the second time on the amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) again to speak;
- (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the three Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong's amendment;
- (i) after Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other two amendments; and
- (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Starry LEE to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Starry LEE's motion, or her motion as amended, as the case may be.

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

(Ms Dora WAI)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“The development of self-financing post-secondary institutions”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 16 March 2011**

1. Hon Starry LEE Wai-king’s original motion

That since 2000, private education providers have multiplied in number, offering a great variety of self-financing post-secondary programmes; with the continuous expansion of self-financing institutions, there are quite a number of concerns in society, including the possibility of institutions running into financial difficulties, their development lacking co-ordination, unsatisfactory programme quality and tuition fees exceeding students’ affordability, in addition to the Government’s inadequate resource allocation in encouraging the development of self-financing institutions, resulting in the interests of the students concerned not being protected effectively; in order to ensure programme quality and safeguard students’ interests, this Council urges the Government and the relevant authorities:

- (a) to reform the existing mode of regulating post-secondary education, so as to ensure that the non-publicly-funded segment of the post-secondary education system is effectively monitored and co-ordinated;
- (b) to provide matching grants for self-financing post-secondary institutions to build campuses, so as to alleviate the pressure of tuition fee increases exerted by campus construction costs;
- (c) to consider providing tuition fee subsidies for students enrolling in self-financing post-secondary programmes through various channels, including studying establishing a post-secondary education fund or by way of education vouchers, etc.;
- (d) to ensure the diversity of self-financing programmes, so as to provide programme options in different academic disciplines for students; and
- (e) to appropriately control the growth in the number of places of self-financing programmes, so as to avoid an excessive supply of self-financing post-secondary places.

2. Motion as amended by Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

That, *given that* since 2000, private education providers have multiplied in number, offering a great variety of self-financing post-secondary programmes; with the continuous expansion of self-financing institutions, there are quite a number of concerns in society, including the possibility of institutions running into financial difficulties, their development lacking co-ordination, unsatisfactory programme quality and tuition fees exceeding students' affordability, in addition to the Government's inadequate resource allocation in encouraging the development of self-financing institutions, resulting in the interests of the students concerned not being protected effectively; in order to ensure programme quality and safeguard students' interests, this Council urges the Government and the relevant authorities:

- (a) to reform the existing mode of regulating post-secondary education, so as to ensure that the non-publicly-funded segment of the post-secondary education system is effectively monitored and co-ordinated;
- (b) *to amend the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance and abolish outdated provisions to regulate the teaching facilities, qualifications of teaching staff, academic levels as well as financial capabilities, etc. of local self-financing post-secondary educational institutions, so as to ensure teaching quality and student interests;*
- ~~(b)~~(c) to provide matching grants for self-financing post-secondary institutions to build campuses, so as to alleviate the pressure of tuition fee increases exerted by campus construction costs;
- ~~(e)~~(d) to consider providing tuition fee subsidies for students enrolling in self-financing post-secondary programmes through various channels, including studying establishing a post-secondary education fund or by way of education vouchers, etc.;
- ~~(d)~~(e) to ensure the diversity of self-financing programmes, so as to provide programme options in different academic disciplines for students; ~~and~~
- ~~(e)~~(f) ~~to appropriately control the growth in the number of~~ *to adopt quality as the means of gate-keeping for monitoring the* places of self-financing programmes, so as to avoid an excessive supply of self-financing post-secondary places *and any impact on education quality;*
- (g) *to strengthen the monitoring mechanism to ensure that institutions must comply with admission requirements and exit performance*

standards, so as to avoid substandard programmes and doubts about academic qualifications;

- (h) to ensure that self-financing post-secondary institutions must be equipped with sufficient full-time teaching and non-teaching staff with long-term employment, so as to enable the sustainable and stable development of research and teaching work; and*
- (i) to establish a fair and effective redress mechanism to safeguard academic freedom and protect the interests of teaching and non-teaching staff.*

Note: Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon WONG Kwok-hing

That, *given that* since 2000, private education providers have multiplied in number, offering a great variety of self-financing post-secondary programmes; with the continuous expansion of self-financing institutions, there are quite a number of concerns in society, including the possibility of institutions running into financial difficulties, their development lacking co-ordination, unsatisfactory programme quality and tuition fees exceeding students' affordability, in addition to the Government's inadequate resource allocation in encouraging the development of self-financing institutions, resulting in the interests of the students concerned not being protected effectively; in order to ensure programme quality and safeguard students' interests, this Council urges the Government and the relevant authorities:

- (a) to reform the existing mode of regulating post-secondary education, so as to ensure that the non-publicly-funded segment of the post-secondary education system is effectively monitored and co-ordinated;
- (b) to provide matching grants for self-financing post-secondary institutions to build campuses, so as to alleviate the pressure of tuition fee increases exerted by campus construction costs;
- (c) to consider providing tuition fee subsidies for students enrolling in self-financing post-secondary programmes through various channels, including studying establishing a post-secondary education fund or by way of education vouchers, etc.;

- (d) *to consider lowering the interest rate under the Non-means-tested Loan Scheme to avoid a situation where the interest rate determined under the Scheme is higher than the interest rates of bank loans, and at the same time, changing the time to commence calculating interests from loan drawdown dates to after students' graduation, so as to alleviate young people's burden and enable them to expeditiously discharge their repayment obligations;*
- ~~(d)~~(e) to ensure the diversity of self-financing programmes, so as to provide programme options in different academic disciplines for students; ~~and~~
- ~~(e)~~(f) to appropriately control the growth in the number of places of self-financing programmes, so as to avoid an excessive supply of self-financing post-secondary places; *and*
- (g) *to raise the tax allowance for expenses of self-education, so as to relieve the pressure on working persons in pursuing further studies.*

Note: Hon WONG Kwok-hing's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

4. Motion as amended by Hon Tanya CHAN

That since 2000, private education providers have multiplied in number, offering a great variety of self-financing post-secondary programmes, *but such educational institutions are of mixed standards and the programmes they offer vary in quality*; with the continuous expansion of self-financing institutions, there are quite a number of concerns in society, including the possibility of institutions running into financial difficulties, their development lacking co-ordination, unsatisfactory programme quality and tuition fees exceeding students' affordability, in addition to the Government's inadequate resource allocation in encouraging the development of self-financing institutions, resulting in the interests of the students concerned not being protected effectively; in order to ensure programme quality and safeguard students' interests, this Council urges the Government and the relevant authorities:

- (a) to reform the existing mode of regulating post-secondary education, so as to ensure that the non-publicly-funded segment of the post-secondary education system is effectively monitored and co-ordinated;

- (b) to provide matching grants for self-financing post-secondary institutions to build campuses *and extend the repayment periods of interest-free loans incurred by the institutions*, so as to alleviate the pressure of tuition fee increases exerted by campus construction costs;
- (c) to consider providing tuition fee subsidies for students enrolling in self-financing post-secondary programmes through various channels, including studying establishing a post-secondary education fund or by way of education vouchers, etc.;
- (d) to ~~ensure~~ *encourage* the diversity of self-financing programmes, so as to provide programme options in different academic disciplines for students; ~~and~~
- (e) to appropriately control the growth in the number of places of self-financing programmes, so as to avoid an excessive supply of self-financing post-secondary places;
- (f) *to review the existing approval and certification system for offering post-secondary education programmes, so as to ensure programme quality;*
- (g) *to review the various existing financial assistance, loan and scholarship schemes for post-secondary students to alleviate the financial burden of students who are pursuing self-financing post-secondary education programmes; and*
- (h) *to comprehensively review the existing academic accreditation system and study strengthening the monitoring of non-local post-secondary programmes jointly offered by local educational institutions and overseas post-secondary institutions.*

Note: Hon Tanya CHAN's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.