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From: Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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Motion on "Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme"

Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou has given notice to move the attached motion on "Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme" at the Council meeting of 10 November 2010. 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 "Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme" to be moved by Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou at the Legislative Council meeting of Wednesday, 10 November 2010

Wording of the Motion

That, in order to relieve the burden of travelling expenses on low-income employees and encourage them to stay in employment, the Chief Executive has put forward the 'Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme' ('WITSS') in the 2010-11 Policy Address for application by all eligible employees in Hong Kong, and the Scheme will replace the 'Transport Support Scheme' ('TSS'); given that the existing TSS still has deficiencies resulting in some low-income workers not being benefitted, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following criteria in formulating the specific details and eligibility requirements for WITSS, so as to enable a greater number of grassroot workers to receive assistance:

- (a) the ceiling of the total value of applicants' personal assets should be set at a level higher than the \$44,000 under the existing TSS;
- (b) the ceiling of applicants' monthly income should be set at a level higher than the \$6,500 under the existing TSS;
- the amount of allowance for eligible persons should be calculated on the basis of 72 hours of work in every four weeks, and people who work less than 72 hours in every four weeks may also receive the allowance pro rata according to the actual number of working hours, with a view to benefiting part-time employees;
- (d) no application deadline should be set for the allowance; and
- (e) a mechanism should be established for regular reviews and periodic adjustments of the ceiling of the total value of personal assets, the ceiling of monthly income and the amount of allowance prescribed under WITSS.