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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Motion on
“Alleviating the impact of food price inflation on the public”**

Hon WONG Yung-kan has given notice to move the attached motion on “Alleviating the impact of food price inflation on the public” at the Council meeting of 18 May 2011. 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

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(Translation)

**Motion on
“Alleviating the impact of food price inflation on the public”
to be moved by Hon WONG Yung-kan
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 18 May 2011**

Wording of the Motion

That, given that the majority of foods in Hong Kong rely on import, and due to the impact of factors such as global fluctuations in food prices and Renminbi appreciation, etc., the local food prices have remained persistently high; besides, given Mainland residents’ trust in foods which are sold in Hong Kong, particularly after the occurrence of melamine-tainted formula incidents involving Mainland milk products, their demand for infant and follow-up formulas which are sold in Hong Kong has soared, leading to an upsurge in the prices and shortage of stocks; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to adopt effective measures to alleviate the impact of food price inflation on the public; the relevant measures should include:

- (a) to conduct studies on bringing infant and follow-up formulas within the regulatory ambit of the Reserved Commodities Ordinance to ensure their stable supply and enable the Government to effectively monitor their stocks, and to formulate jointly with suppliers a code of sales for the industry as soon as possible, so as to ensure the supply of milk formulas to local users;
- (b) to rebuild the local agriculture and fisheries industry, so as to supplement food supply in Hong Kong;
- (c) to assist local food importers and food establishments, etc., in identifying a wider variety of food materials and expanding the sources of supply, so as to diversify the risks of unstable food supply from individual places;
- (d) to enhance the tests on Mainland and Japanese foods, and actively seek to establish closer co-operation with the Mainland Government and the Japanese Government on food safety matters, so as to restore public confidence and increase the quantity of safe foods available on the market;

- (e) to formulate a policy on rental and facility improvement which is conducive to the development of public markets to enhance their competitiveness, so as to meet the function of supplying fresh provisions to the general public;
- (f) to further increase the transparency of essential food supply and price information, with a view to facilitating the dissemination of market information and preventing stockpiling and hoarding by unscrupulous traders; and
- (g) to relax the eligibility requirements for short-term food assistance service projects and the period of receiving assistance, and to conduct studies on providing support to the grassroots through the Community Care Fund, etc., in coping with the food price inflation problem.