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From: Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

#### **Council meeting of 23 November 2011**

### Amendment to amendment to the motion on "Improving further education and employment of sub-degree students"

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 153/11-12 issued on 18 November 2011, Members are invited to note that the President has given permission for Hon CHAN Hak-kan to move an amendment to Hon WONG Kwok-hing's amendment (i.e. the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment to the motion). The terms of the motion as amended by the two Members are set out in the **Appendix**.

2. As directed by the President, Hon CHAN Hak-kan's amendment will be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

( Ms Dora WAI ) for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

#### (Translation)

# Motion debate on "Improving further education and employment of sub-degree students" to be held at the Council meeting of 23 November 2011

#### Motion as amended by Hon WONG Kwok-hing and Hon CHAN Hak-kan

That, since in order to raise the rate of local senior secondary school graduates pursuing tertiary education, the SAR Government announced in the Policy Address 2000 the policy objective of providing 60% of local young people with the opportunity of receiving tertiary education and rolled out a series of measures, and the number of self-financing programmes at associate degree level or above offered by local institutions has thus been increasing; however, as the social recognition of sub-degree qualifications over the past 10 years is still lacking, sub-degree students have to face various problems in further education and employment and even have to bear high tuition fees and loan repayments, thus making them the new blood of the poverty population; in this connection, this Council urges the authorities to:

- (a) review the contents covered by sub-degree programmes, so as to enhance the applicability and recognition of such programmes;
- (b) strengthen the monitoring of sub-degree programme quality and fees;
- $\frac{(a)}{(c)}$  increase the number of subvented university places;
- (b)(d) offer subsidies in the form of education vouchers to sub-degree graduates for studying in private universities;
- (e)(e) expand the channels to study in *local and overseas non-local* universities for sub-degree graduates;
- (d)(f) increase enhance the employment support for sub-degree graduates, including increasing the number of civil service entry ranks for sub-degree graduates; and
- (e)(g) review student financial assistance as well as loan and repayment arrangements, including abolishing the risk rate; significantly lower the interest rates of all loan schemes for tertiary students, waive the interest accrued during students' study periods under the

Non-means-tested Loan Scheme, and change the situation where interest rates of student loans are higher than those of bank mortgages; allow tax deduction on repayment amounts of university education loans; study the feasibility of allowing local students to apply for student loans for pursuing further education overseas outside Hong Kong; and increase the grant amounts for tertiary students.

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

Hon CHAN Hak-kan's amendment is marked in **bold and italic type** with dotted line.