

(Translation)

**Motion on  
“Building a safe city”  
Moved by Hon CHAN Kin-por  
at the Council meeting of 19 June 2013**

**Motion as amended by Hon TANG Ka-piu, Hon Charles Peter MOK,  
Hon Claudia MO and Dr Hon Helena WONG**

That, although on the surface Hong Kong is a safe city, due to the ageing of some urban facilities, people’s slack safety awareness, certain government departments’ lax enforcement of law, etc., recent years have witnessed the occurrence of various kinds of accidents one after another such as the frequent occurrence of occupational injury cases, and worse still, serious blaze and marine disasters, some of which even incurred heavy casualties; in fact, the China Institute of City Competitiveness has already excluded Hong Kong from its ranking list on China’s safest cities in its research reports over the past two years; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to set up an inter-departmental committee to comprehensively review the various existing ordinances relating to city safety, including occupational safety legislation and the relevant employees’ compensation legislation, urge the various departments to improve the implementation of such ordinances, and formulate a safe city development policy, so as to comprehensively enhance city safety; on the other hand, as Hong Kong’s infrastructure and the daily operation of the society largely rely on computer systems and the Internet, there will be dire consequences if such systems are under malicious attacks; in this connection, this Council also urges the Government to re-activate the Inter-departmental Working Group on Computer Related Crime, which was established in 2000 but subsequently ceased operation, to conduct a fresh review and implement relevant follow-up work regarding the changed cyber environment and possible information system security threats; the authorities must also ensure that large-scale infrastructure will not impair the structure of nearby buildings, so as to protect the safety of residents; in addition, this Council urges the Government to draw reference from the concept of the World Health Organization’s ‘Safe Community’ project and the effective measures of the United Nations Development Fund for Women for protection of women in cities around the globe to incorporate the issue of women’s safety into town planning, promote a city safety culture and comprehensively prevent the occurrence of accidents.