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**Motion on
“Increasing the business floor areas of the retail industry”**

Hon Vincent FANG has given notice to move the attached motion on “Increasing the business floor areas of the retail industry” at the Council meeting of 6 February 2013. The President has directed that it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

(Odelia LEUNG)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Increasing the business floor areas of the retail industry”
to be moved by Hon Vincent FANG
at the Council meeting of 6 February 2013**

Wording of the Motion

That, as Hong Kong’s retail industry develops rapidly but the urban development planning in Hong Kong does not dovetail with the expansion, development direction and demand for business floor areas of the retail industry, resulting in a severe shortage of retail floor areas in Hong Kong in recent years, which leads to retail shop rents going out of control and spiralling upwards, directly and indirectly causing operating difficulties to the extent of closure of small and medium enterprises and the rise in prices of goods, and rendering people plagued by shopping difficulties and expensive pricing of goods; the Chief Executive, after taking office, has promised the wholesale and retail industries that measures would be taken to increase commercial floor areas, but this has not been mentioned in the Policy Address; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

- (1) conduct a comprehensive review of the changes in the retail industry over the next 10 years, including the future development trends of the retail industry in respect of business floor areas, manpower, locations of businesses and business operators (including size and number), so as to work out the future development scale of retail floor areas and appropriately increase their supply year by year to ease rental increases;
- (2) conduct a comprehensive review of grass-roots retail businesses, including the number, business floor areas and manpower of wet markets, open-air bazaars and hawking trades, so as to assess what support should be rendered to grass-roots retail businesses, and adjust the government policy on vacant shops in public markets and relax the application restrictions, etc., so as to put vacant retail floor areas on the market; and
- (3) review the functions of the retail floor areas of properties under the Government, including those of the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society, and explore the feasibility of using such space to support the development of grass-roots, individual and

specialty retail businesses, or to assist young people in starting up businesses.