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**Amendments to motion on
“Urging the Government to withdraw the curriculum guide of
Moral and National Education subject and requesting
the Secretary for Education, Mr Eddie NG, to step down”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 22/12-13 issued on 10 October 2012, three Members (Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN, Hon Frederick FUNG and Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung) have respectively given notices of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon IP Kin-yuen’s motion on “Urging the Government to withdraw the curriculum guide of Moral and National Education subject and requesting the Secretary for Education, Mr Eddie NG, to step down” scheduled for the Council meeting of 17 October 2012. As directed by the President, the respective amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Hon IP Kin-yuen to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon IP Kin-yuen’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the three Members, who intend to move amendments, to speak in the following order, but no amendment

is to be moved at this stage:

- (i) Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN;
 - (ii) Hon Frederick FUNG; and
 - (iii) Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung;
- (d) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
- (f) the President gives leave to Hon IP Kin-yuen to speak for the second time on the amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak again;
- (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the three Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN's amendment;
- (i) after Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other two amendments; and
- (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon IP Kin-yuen to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon IP Kin-yuen's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' ease of reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

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for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Urging the Government to withdraw the curriculum guide of
Moral and National Education subject and requesting
the Secretary for Education, Mr Eddie NG, to step down”
to be held at the Council meeting of 17 October 2012**

1. Hon IP Kin-yuen’s original motion

That, given the Government’s introduction of the Moral and National Education subject in primary and secondary schools, despite the public’s strong queries about the objective of the subject being political indoctrination and brainwashing education, the Government still adamantly refuses to withdraw the curriculum guide of the Moral and National Education subject, this Council strongly condemns the Government for disregarding public opinion, and urges the Government to immediately withdraw the curriculum guide of the Moral and National Education subject; the Secretary for Education, Mr Eddie NG, has seriously mishandled the incident, including repeatedly refusing to have open dialogue with teachers, parents and students opposing the introduction of the Moral and National Education subject while selectively listening to supporters’ views only, and saying that the silent majority not participating in the parades are in support of national education, and the number of protesters is not important; Eddie NG’s acts and remarks in the incident have caused intense public discontent and indignation, leading to the continuous deterioration of the incident and confrontation between the Government and the public; in addition, a survey conducted by the Public Opinion Programme of the University of Hong Kong has shown that the net support rating of Eddie NG has dropped to minus 32%, which is the worst among the 12 Directors of Bureaux; Eddie NG lacks the commitment, credibility and competence that accountability officials should have; in this connection, this Council urges Eddie NG to bear political responsibility for the incident, take the blame and step down; in addition, given that the Chief Executive, Mr LEUNG Chun-ying, has mishandled the incident, failed to pro-actively respond to public opinion and triggered public resentment, this Council expresses regret at Mr LEUNG Chun-ying.

2. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN

That, *Hong Kong is a civil society that emphasizes freedom of thought and academic freedom, and the cultivation of independent thinking of the next generation and building up of their universal values are of utmost importance*

to safeguarding Hong Kong's core values; given the Government's introduction of the Moral and National Education subject in primary and secondary schools, despite the public's strong queries about the objective of the subject being political indoctrination and brainwashing education, the Government still adamantly refuses to withdraw the curriculum guide of the Moral and National Education subject, this Council strongly condemns the Government for disregarding public opinion, and urges the Government to immediately withdraw the curriculum guide of the Moral and National Education subject, *and formulate concrete policies and allocate resources for implementing comprehensive history education and civic education*; the Secretary for Education, Mr Eddie NG, has seriously mishandled the incident, including repeatedly refusing to have open dialogue with teachers, parents and students opposing the introduction of the Moral and National Education subject while selectively listening to supporters' views only, and saying that the silent majority not participating in the parades are in support of national education, and the number of protesters is not important; Eddie NG's acts and remarks in the incident have caused intense public discontent and indignation, leading to the continuous deterioration of the incident and confrontation between the Government and the public; in addition, a survey conducted by the Public Opinion Programme of the University of Hong Kong has shown that the net support rating of Eddie NG has dropped to minus 32%, which is the worst among the 12 Directors of Bureaux; Eddie NG lacks the commitment, credibility and competence that accountability officials should have; in this connection, this Council urges Eddie NG to bear political responsibility for the incident, take the blame and step down; in addition, given that the Chief Executive, Mr LEUNG Chun-ying, has mishandled the incident, failed to pro-actively respond to public opinion and triggered public resentment, this Council expresses regret at Mr LEUNG Chun-ying.

Note: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon Frederick FUNG

That, ~~given the Government's introduction of~~ *over the past several months, the Government has seriously disregarded public opinion regarding the issue of introducing* the Moral and National Education subject in primary and secondary schools, *and* despite the public's strong queries about the objective of the subject being political indoctrination and brainwashing education, the Government still adamantly refuses to withdraw the curriculum guide of the Moral and National Education subject, this Council strongly condemns the Government for disregarding public opinion, and urges the Government to immediately withdraw the curriculum guide of the Moral and National Education subject; the Secretary for Education, Mr Eddie NG, has seriously

mishandled the incident, including repeatedly refusing to have open dialogue with teachers, parents and students opposing the introduction of the Moral and National Education subject while selectively listening to supporters' views only, and saying that the silent majority not participating in the parades are in support of national education, and the number of protesters is not important; Eddie NG's acts and remarks in the incident have caused intense public discontent and indignation, leading to the continuous deterioration of the incident and confrontation between the Government and the public; in addition, a survey conducted by the Public Opinion Programme of the University of Hong Kong has shown that the net support rating of Eddie NG has dropped to minus 32%, which is the worst among the 12 Directors of Bureaux; Eddie NG lacks the commitment, credibility and competence that accountability officials should have; in this connection, this Council urges Eddie NG to bear political responsibility for the incident, take the blame and step down; in addition, given that the Chief Executive, Mr LEUNG Chun-ying, has mishandled the incident, failed to pro-actively respond to public opinion ~~and~~, triggered public resentment, *followed the Central Authorities' lead under the guise of governing authority and efficiency, neglected public feelings and placed the Central Authorities' position above the interests and core values of the general public of Hong Kong*, this Council expresses regret at Mr LEUNG Chun-ying.

Note: Hon Frederick FUNG's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.

4. Motion as amended by Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

That, given the Government's introduction of the Moral and National Education subject in primary and secondary schools, despite the public's strong queries about the objective of the subject being political indoctrination and brainwashing education, the Government still adamantly refuses to withdraw the curriculum guide of the Moral and National Education subject, this Council strongly condemns the Government for disregarding public opinion, and urges the Government to immediately ~~withdraw the curriculum guide of the Moral and National Education subject~~ ***abolish the Moral and National Education subject***; the Secretary for Education, Mr Eddie NG, has seriously mishandled the incident, including repeatedly refusing to have open dialogue with teachers, parents and students opposing the introduction of the Moral and National Education subject while selectively listening to supporters' views only, and saying that the silent majority not participating in the parades are in support of national education, and the number of protesters is not important; Eddie NG's acts and remarks in the incident have caused intense public discontent and indignation, leading to the continuous deterioration of the incident and confrontation between the Government and the public; in addition, a survey

conducted by the Public Opinion Programme of the University of Hong Kong has shown that the net support rating of Eddie NG has dropped to minus 32%, which is the worst among the 12 Directors of Bureaux; Eddie NG lacks the commitment, credibility and competence that accountability officials should have; in this connection, this Council urges Eddie NG to bear political responsibility for the incident, take the blame and step down; in addition, given that the Chief Executive, Mr LEUNG Chun-ying, has mishandled the incident, failed to pro-actively respond to public opinion and triggered public resentment, this Council expresses regret at Mr LEUNG Chun-ying.

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