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**Council meeting of 24 October 2012**

**Motion on  
“Universal retirement protection system”**

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG has given notice to move the attached motion on “Universal retirement protection system” at the Council meeting of 24 October 2012. The President has directed that “it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in” on the Agenda of the Council.

(Miss Odelia LEUNG)  
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion on  
“Universal retirement protection system”  
to be moved by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG  
at the Council meeting of 24 October 2012**

**Wording of the Motion**

That the problem of elderly poverty in Hong Kong is serious at present, and according to a study of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, in the first half of 2011, 33.4% of the elderly were households in poverty, with the elderly population in poverty reaching 290 000, but the existing Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (‘CSSA’) scheme and Old Age Allowance (‘OAA’) of the Government cannot resolve the problem of elderly poverty; at present, the income test under the CSSA scheme is on a household basis, requiring the family members of the elderly persons to sign what is colloquially called a ‘bad son statement’ to declare not providing support to parents, damaging elderly persons’ relationship with their families and depriving them of dignity; according to the survey findings published by Oxfam Hong Kong in 2010, some 160 000 eligible elderly persons in Hong Kong did not receive CSSA; on the other hand, the amount of OAA is insufficient to maintain a basic living; at present, various advanced countries or regions around the world, including Canada, New Zealand, South Korea and Taiwan, have put in place universal retirement protection in the forms of social insurance and special funds earmarked for specified purposes, which have been proven to be effective retirement protection systems; in this connection, this Council urges the authorities to:

- (a) give an account of the studies on retirement protection matters conducted by the Central Policy Unit in the past; provide the frameworks, specific statistics and conclusions of such studies;
- (b) expeditiously establish a universal retirement protection commission with responsibilities including formulating the contents of a proposal, conducting public consultation, and setting an implementation timetable;
- (c) before the implementation of a universal retirement protection scheme, refrain from introducing any asset and income test for the newly proposed ‘Old Age Living Allowance Scheme’, in order for the scheme to serve as a transitional measure leading to the universal retirement protection scheme; and

- (d) immediately allow elderly persons to apply for CSSA on an individual basis, exempting their family members from having to make any declaration arrangement for not providing support to them.