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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 28 November 2012

**Motion on
“Domestic free television programme service licence applications”**

Hon Claudia MO has given notice to move the attached motion on “Domestic free television programme service licence applications” at the Council meeting of 28 November 2012. 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

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(Translation)

**Motion on
“Domestic free television programme service licence applications”
to be moved by Hon Claudia MO
at the Council meeting of 28 November 2012**

Wording of the Motion

That the progress of vetting the three applications for domestic free television programme service licences (‘free TV licences’) has always been of major concern to the society, but the Government has all along been indecisive about the applications, suggesting that there are unspeakable reasons which make people worry that political factors are involved; in this connection, this Council puts forward the following views and recommendations, and urges the relevant authorities to respond positively, including:

- (a) given that the Government has been promoting a pluralistic and open society and the Chief Executive has emphasized time and again his intention of doing real work, but on the applications for free TV licences, the Government has adopted a stalling tactic and has not made a decision after almost three years, this Council therefore requests the Government to undertake to issue additional free TV licences before the end of this year;
- (b) given that in Hong Kong a considerable number of young people enroll in courses relating to television production, but due to the limited size of the free television market, they can hardly pursue their ambitions after graduation, and the granting of additional free TV licences can increase employment opportunities for these young people and facilitate the development of creative media, the Government should proactively dovetail with the relevant policies and measures; and
- (c) given that a free television broadcaster which has kept airing reruns to fill up air time allegedly contravenes its undertaking on producing local programmes, the Government should make the vetting process of free TV licence applications open and transparent to dispel public misgivings, and keep pace with the times by updating the relevant broadcasting ordinances and codes of practice.