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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 31 October 2012

Motion on "Regulating beauty industry"

Dr Hon Helena WONG has given notice to move the attached motion on "Regulating beauty industry" at the Council meeting of 31 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 "Regulating beauty industry" to be moved by Dr Hon Helena WONG at the Council meeting of 31 October 2012

Wording of the Motion

That in recent years the beauty industry in Hong Kong has been developing rapidly and providing a range of services over and above general beauty care needs, which even include invasive medical beauty services the effectiveness of which is in doubt; recently, a beauty treatment centre gave intravascular infusions to some 40 consumers, with the consequence that four women sustained septic shock, and one of them had even passed away unfortunately; the incident has aroused public concern about the risks of invasive medical beauty services, the conduct and responsibility of individual beauty service providers and medical practitioners as well as the regulation of medical devices; in this connection, this Council calls on the industry to immediately stop high-risk invasive medical acts, and urges the Government to expeditiously enact legislation to regulate the conduct and services of the beauty industry; the relevant measures should include:

- (a) to clearly define high-risk and invasive medical procedures, and require that only professionally qualified healthcare personnel may carry out such procedures;
- (b) to stipulate that the industry and healthcare personnel must clearly and fully disclose in advance the risks and possible after-effects to the customers who are intending to receive the treatments;
- (c) to clearly define the responsibilities that the industry and healthcare personnel must bear after the occurrence of incidents;
- (d) to implement a medical device registration system, and require that only professionally qualified persons may operate such devices; and
- (e) to amend the relevant legislation, and incorporate a 'cooling-off period' for selling beauty services into the Trade Descriptions (Unfair Trade Practices) (Amendment) Ordinance 2012, which will come into force next year, to combat unfair trade practices,

with a view to upgrading the industry's conduct and standard of services for the protection of public health.