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**Council meeting of 10 December 2014**

**Amendments to motion on  
“Increasing upward mobility opportunities for young people”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 186/14-15 issued on 21 November 2014, six Members (Hon KWOK Wai-keung, Dr Hon Helena WONG, Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN, Hon IP Kin-yuen, Hon LEE Cheuk-yan and Hon Michael TIEN) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Jeffrey LAM’s motion on “Increasing upward mobility opportunities for young people” scheduled for the Council meeting of 10 December 2014. 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 the six amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and the amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Hon Jeffrey LAM to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Jeffrey LAM’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the six Members who wish to move amendments to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:

- (i) Hon KWOK Wai-keung;
  - (ii) Dr Hon Helena WONG;
  - (iii) Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN;
  - (iv) Hon IP Kin-yuen;
  - (v) Hon LEE Cheuk-yan; and
  - (vi) Hon Michael TIEN;
- (d) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
- (f) the President gives leave to Hon Jeffrey LAM to speak for the second time on the amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the 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 six Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon KWOK Wai-keung to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon KWOK Wai-keung's amendment;
- (i) after Hon KWOK Wai-keung's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other five amendments; and
- (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Jeffrey LAM to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Jeffrey LAM's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

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

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(Translation)

**Motion debate on  
“Increasing upward mobility opportunities for young people”  
to be held at the Council meeting of 10 December 2014**

**1. Hon Jeffrey LAM’s original motion**

That this Council urges the Government to care about the aspirations of young people, formulate feasible policies and measures, and enhance the relevant training and support, so as to increase upward mobility opportunities for young people.

**2. Motion as amended by Hon KWOK Wai-keung**

That *the increasingly homogeneous industrial structure of Hong Kong has limited young people’s employment options and prospects, and the substantially lopsided housing policy has favoured the business sector and led to the soaring property prices, rendering young people with dual difficulties in employment and housing and making it difficult for them to strive for upward mobility along the social ladder; in this connection,* this Council urges the Government to care about the aspirations *and needs* of young people, formulate feasible policies and measures, and enhance the relevant training and support, ~~so as to~~ *including perfecting the public housing policy of Hong Kong to provide young people with residential space and a ladder for home acquisition, and adjusting prices in the private housing market to reasonable and healthy levels lest young people be shouldered with heavy financial burden due to home acquisition; moreover, the Government should promote diversified development of industries, create more positions suitable for young people, formulate an integrated manpower training policy, conduct a comprehensive review of the Apprenticeship Ordinance as well as the various training programmes for young people, and formulate a dual-track academic system with equal emphasis on academic and vocational skills training, so as to provide young people with a stable and rewarding professional skills training, development and career ladder, and to* increase upward mobility opportunities for young people.

Note: Hon KWOK Wai-keung’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

### 3. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Helena WONG

That, *as the Government has persistently neglected young people's voices and their pursuit of democracy and justice*, this Council urges the Government to ~~care about the aspirations of young people~~ *implement genuine universal suffrage, establish a government which is fair, impartial, open and truly accountable to the people for improving governance*, formulate feasible policies and measures, and enhance the relevant training and support, so as to increase upward mobility opportunities for young people.

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

### 4. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN

That *in Hong Kong, the lopsidedness of the political system towards those with vested interests, the serious disparity between the rich and the poor, as well as the common phenomenon of the collusion between the Government and the business sector and transfer of benefits have hindered young people's upward mobility; although the Basic Law safeguards the implementation of 'one country, two systems', the 'two systems' has come under incessant challenges from the 'one country' in recent years, and the separation of powers is rocked by the 'co-operation of powers theory', resulting in the erosion of Hong Kong's core values by 'Mainlandization'; besides, following the complete rejection of Hong Kong people's demand for genuine universal suffrage by the decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on 31 August 2014, young people now feel that the unjust political system is the greatest obstacle to social reform and their upward mobility, and they have thus appealed to 'Save Our Own Hong Kong' and engaged in civil disobedience as a means of promoting social reform, leading to the outbreak of the Umbrella Movement; in this connection*, this Council urges the Government to ~~care about the aspirations of young people, formulate feasible policies and measures, and enhance the relevant training and support, so as to increase~~ *affirm young people's strong aspirations to 'pursuing justice and returning political power to the people', conduct the Chief Executive Election and the Legislative Council Election under the principles of universality and equality, adopt civil nomination, and abolish the functional constituencies, so as to enable young people to exploit their strengths in a fair, just and open environment, and increase their upward mobility opportunities for young people, and in turn realizing their personal and social aspirations.*

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

## 5. Motion as amended by Hon IP Kin-yuen

That, *given the strong voices in the society in recent years pointing out that young people face difficulties in mobilizing upward*, this Council urges the Government to care about the aspirations of young people, formulate feasible policies and measures, and enhance the relevant training and support, so as to increase upward mobility opportunities for young people; *specific proposals in respect of education and employment are as follows:*

- (1) *to increase the opportunities for admission to higher education, and step up regulation on the quality and recognition of programmes offered by self-financing post-secondary institutions;*
- (2) *to alleviate the financial burden of students after graduation lest they be heavily indebted;*
- (3) *to strengthen vocational education by adding elements of vocational skills training to senior secondary curriculums or developing vocational senior secondary schools to provide students with a more diversified range of career-oriented programmes for articulation;*
- (4) *to review the establishment for permanent teachers and improve class-teacher ratios, so as to increase opportunities for young teachers to join the profession and avoid a succession gap in education, and to ensure that contract teachers and teaching assistants receive reasonable remunerations; and*
- (5) *to review afresh the manpower needs of various government departments, so as to ensure that eligible non-civil service contract employees filling posts with long-term needs can be changed to civil service terms.*

Note: Hon IP Kin-yuen's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.

## 6. Motion as amended by Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

That *young people in Hong Kong have actively participated in the recent Umbrella Movement, and that their commitment to Hong Kong and steadfast pursuit of ideals demonstrated in the Movement have touched many Hong Kong people and also won the acclaim of world opinions; in this connection*, this Council urges the Government to ~~care about~~ *give a concrete response to* the aspirations of young people, ~~formulate feasible policies and measures, and~~

~~enhance the relevant training and support, so as to~~ *expeditiously implement genuine universal suffrage, strive to uphold social justice, actively promote sustainable development, and* increase upward mobility opportunities for young people *as well as various sectors of the society, so that all Hong Kong people can achieve self-actualization in a free and equitable environment.*

Note: Hon LEE Cheuk-yan's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

## **7. Motion as amended by Hon Michael TIEN**

That this Council urges the Government to care about the aspirations of young people, formulate feasible policies and measures, and enhance the relevant training and support, so as to increase upward mobility opportunities for young people, *and in particular, to assist students who are unable to adapt to the conventional examination system in exploiting their strengths; specific proposals are as follows:*

- (1) *to conduct studies led by the Education Bureau and the University Grants Committee on establishing a diversified range of student admission channels for universities, whereby various institutions are required to reserve a specified number of subsidized degree places each year for specific disciplines such as music, art and sports, etc.; students seeking admission through these channels will only be required to obtain Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination results that meet the existing minimum admission requirements of publicly-funded degree programmes; the gate-keeping role of the mechanism concerned is to be performed by the relevant dedicated committee, which will refer students satisfying the aforesaid requirements on examination results to various institutions without disclosing their public examination results, so that institutions can focus on reviewing students' talents in determining their admission lists, with a view to assisting young people in mobilizing upward by their individual talents and strengths;*
- (2) *to promote diversification of industries, in particular providing support for the development of creative industry, cultural industry as well as aesthetic and physical industry, etc., so as to create room and opportunities for upward mobility for young people with talents and enthusiasm in the aforesaid fields who could not exploit their strengths under the conventional examination system; and*
- (3) *focusing on the 40 000-odd young people who cannot meet the minimum admission requirements of publicly-funded degree*

*programmes each year but have the interest and potentials for development in the various professional domains, the Government to formulate respective development ladders for them, so as to provide these young people with upward mobility opportunities; the specific approach is to explore a substantial expansion of the various in-service training funds currently offered by the Government, so as to assist enterprises in offering in-service training opportunities geared to the needs of their employees, and in providing adequate professional skills training and development for their employees; and to extend the scope of the funds to a greater variety of industries such as elderly services, post-natal care, vehicle repairs, renovation, pattern making and seamanship, etc., so as to enable young people to pursue their ideals and engage in the industries they like, with a view to substantially increasing their upward mobility opportunities.*

Note: Hon Michael TIEN's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.