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**Amendments to motion on
“Promoting the sustainable development of the agriculture and
fisheries industry”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 353/14-15 issued on 15 January 2015, Dr Hon Helena WONG and Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Steven HO’s motion on “Promoting the sustainable development of the agriculture and fisheries industry” scheduled for the Council meeting of 28 January 2015. As directed by the President, Dr Hon Helena WONG’s and Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki’s 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 two 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 Steven HO to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Steven HO’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the two Members who wish to move amendments to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Dr Hon Helena WONG; and
 - (ii) Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki;

- (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 Steven HO to speak for the second time on the two 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 two Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Dr Hon Helena WONG to move her amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Dr Hon Helena WONG's amendment;
- (i) after Dr Hon Helena WONG's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki's amendment to the motion; and
- (j) after Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki's amendment has been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Steven HO to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Steven HO'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
“Promoting the sustainable development of the agriculture and
fisheries industry”
to be held at the Council meeting of 28 January 2015**

1. Hon Steven HO’s original motion

That the agriculture and fisheries industry has all along been providing a stable food supply to Hong Kong and playing a significant role in the process of economic development; in recent years, the agriculture and fisheries industry has been developing in the high value-added direction and adopting modern modes to produce high quality and safe food; with the emergence of eco-tourism and leisure agriculture and fisheries industry, the agriculture and fisheries industry can be developed into a comprehensive industry embracing production, leisure, tourism and education, thereby boosting the development of service industries on retail, transport, catering and accommodation, etc. and hence further diversifying the Hong Kong economy; yet, constrained by the Government’s outdated policies and discouraging attitude, the value, quantity and scale of production as well as the number of practitioners in the agriculture and fisheries industry have all been significantly reduced, and it is also difficult for the industry to pursue development through restructuring; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to remove the barriers for the agriculture and fisheries industry at the policy level, adjust outdated restrictions and proactively formulate comprehensive development strategies in accord with the actual situation in Hong Kong by making reference to international experience, so as to promote the sustainable development of the agriculture and fisheries industry.

2. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Helena WONG

That, *in the past*, the agriculture and fisheries industry ~~has~~ *had* all along been providing a stable food supply to Hong Kong and playing a significant role in the process of economic development, *but with agricultural land being abandoned and hoarded, the quantities of agricultural produce and live poultry have dropped drastically*; in recent years, the agriculture and fisheries industry has been developing in the high value-added direction and adopting modern modes to produce high quality and safe food; with the emergence of eco-tourism and leisure agriculture and fisheries industry, the agriculture and fisheries industry can be developed into a comprehensive industry embracing production, leisure, tourism and education, thereby boosting the development of

service industries on retail, transport, catering and accommodation, etc. and hence further diversifying the Hong Kong economy; yet, constrained by the Government's outdated policies and discouraging attitude, the value, quantity and scale of production as well as the number of practitioners in the agriculture and fisheries industry have all been significantly reduced, and it is also difficult for the industry to pursue development through restructuring; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to remove the barriers for the agriculture and fisheries industry at the policy level, adjust outdated restrictions and proactively formulate comprehensive development strategies in accord with the actual situation in Hong Kong by making reference to international experience, so as to promote the sustainable development of the agriculture and fisheries industry; *the relevant measures include formulating a self-sufficiency rate of food provision; releasing the large amount of idle agricultural land being hoarded; promoting a policy of agricultural rehabilitation on abandoned land; ensuring the production by the agriculture and fisheries industry of reasonable quantities of agricultural produce which are of high-value and safe for consumption; and developing afresh the live poultry industry, including allowing the industry to supply live chickens to local market and ceasing the import of live chicken from the Mainland.*

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

3. Motion as amended by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

That, *in the past*, the agriculture and fisheries industry ~~has~~ *had* all along been providing a stable food supply to Hong Kong and playing a significant role in the process of economic development; in recent years, the agriculture and fisheries industry has been developing in the ~~high-value-added direction~~ *directions of technological research and development, organic production and high value-addedness* and adopting modern modes to produce high quality and safe food, *and has successfully established local quality brands*; with the emergence of eco-tourism and leisure agriculture and fisheries industry, the agriculture and fisheries industry can be developed into a comprehensive industry embracing production, leisure, tourism and education, thereby boosting the development of service industries on retail, transport, catering and accommodation, etc. and hence further diversifying the Hong Kong economy; yet, *as the Administration does not regulate developers' hoarding of agricultural land and fish farms, there is currently a large amount of such abandoned land, and* constrained by the Government's outdated policies and discouraging attitude, the value, quantity and scale of production as well as the number of practitioners in the agriculture and fisheries industry have all been significantly reduced, and it is also difficult for the industry to pursue development ~~through restructuring~~; in this connection, this Council urges the

Government to *conduct a comprehensive review of the policy on agriculture and fisheries industry in Hong Kong to assist the development of the agriculture and fisheries industry, thereby protecting the interest of local fishermen and farmers; the Government should also* remove the barriers for the agriculture and fisheries industry at the policy level, adjust outdated restrictions and proactively formulate comprehensive development strategies in accord with the actual situation in Hong Kong by making reference to international experience, so as to promote the sustainable development of the agriculture and fisheries industry.

Note: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.