Hon Starry LEE Wai-king Chairman of the House Committee The Hong Kong Legislative Council

6 November 2017

Dear Chairman,

#### **Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Procedures**

I am writing on behalf of Legislative Council (LegCo) members, Hon. Alvin Yeung, Hon. Tanya Chan, Hon. Wu Chi Wai, Hon. Charles Mok, Hon. Chan Chi Chuen, Hon. Kenneth Leung, Hon. Fernando Cheung, Hon. Jeremy Tam, Hon. Kwok Ka Ki and myself. I refer to the enclosed proposed amendments to the LegCo Rules of Procedure (the Amendment Motions) formally filed by us to the Council earlier in October 2017.

The President exercised his powers under Rule 74(1) of the LegCo Rules of Procedure to refer the Amendment Motions to the Committee on the Rules of Procedure (CROP) on 24 October 2017 (CB(3)75/17-18). The Amendment Motions were discussed and the matters were disposed of by the Committee on the Rules of Procedures earlier today (6 November 2017).

The proposed amendments include, inter alia, the following considerations and directions:

- to enable better access for disabled persons or persons with special needs;
- to restrain the arbitrary use of power by the LegCo President;
- to enable better access to LegCo information by the public and the media;
- to streamline procedures in order to make them more transparent and accountable;
- to ensure no members will be discriminated against by reason of their family position or sex;
- to enshrine the fundamental rights and freedoms of the Hong Kong people as stipulated in the Basic Law; and
- to enable the Legislative Council to better exercise its powers to hold the executive authorities to account.

We would like to submit the same to House Committee for its consideration as soon as practicable, and would be happy to listen to any views and/or comments which members may have.

Yours faithfully,

Dennis Kwok

Member of the Legislative Council

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#### Proposed Amendments by Hon. Alvin Yeung

# Amendments to Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

#### 1. Rule 3A added

After Rule 3—

Add

# "3A. Autonomy of the Council

The President, in discharging of his duties, shall preserve and defend the autonomy of the Legislative Council at all times.".

#### 2. Rule 45A added

After Rule 45 -

Add

#### "45A. Power to Administer Internal Affairs and Police Power

The power to administer internal affairs and the police power within the Council shall be vested in the Council. Law enforcement agencies shall not enter the Council unless so decided by a two-thirds majority of the Members. In case of emergency, the President may decide in his own right.".

#### 3. Rule 79C added

After Rule 79B -

Add

## "79C. Committee and Subcommittee Meetings be Held Openly

Notwithstanding Rule 88, all meetings of the committee and subcommittee shall be conducted in an open manner, except those held by the Legislative Council Commission, the Committee on the Rules of Procedures, customarily held in camera or otherwise as required by the Rules of Procedures or by law. If a meeting is to be held in camera, it shall be so decided by two-thirds majority of the Members of that committee or subcommittee.".

#### 4. Rule 92 amended (Procedure if Rules of Procedure do not Provide)

Rule 92, after "if he thinks fit,"—

Add

"consult the Committee on Rules of Procedure and".

## 由楊岳橋議員提出的修訂

# 修訂《香港特別行政區立法會議事規則》

### 1. 加入第 3A 條

在第3條之後——

加入

# "3A. 立法會的自主權

立法會主席在執行職務時,須時刻保持和維護立法會的自主權。"。

## 2. 加入第 45A 條

在第 45 條之後-

加入

# "45A. 內務權和警察權

立法會主席在立法會大樓內行使內務權和警察權,任何執法機關未經許可不得進入立法會大樓。如有必要讓執法機關進入,須得到全體立法會議員三分之二的多數同意。立法會主席可在緊急情況下作決定。"。

### 3. 加入第79C條

在第79B條之後-

加入

# "79C. 委員會及小組委員會公開會議

儘管議事規則第88條有所規定,立法會轄下委員會及小組委員會的會議,除行政管理委員會、議事規則委員會的會議、按照慣例通常以閉門形式進行的會議、或由議事規則或其他有關法律另有規定外,須公開舉行。若舉行閉門會議,須先得到委員會或小組委員會全部委員三分之二的同意方可舉行。"。

### 4. 修訂第92條(議事規則未有規定的程序)

第92條,在"如立法會主席認為適合,可"之後—— 加入

"諮詢議事規則委員會及"。

# Proposed Amendments by Hon. Tanya Chan

# Amendments to Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

# 1. Rule 4 amended (Election of President)

Rule 4(2), after "20 years."—

#### Add

"The President must be a Member elected from the geographical constituency.".

# 2. Rule 6 amended (Duties of the Clerk)

Rule 6(5A)(a)—

### Repeal

"25 years"

# Substitute

"20 years".

# 3. Rule 6 amended (Duties of the Clerk)

After Rule 6(8) —

#### Add

"(9) The Deputy Clerk shall assist the Clerk in discharge of his duties under Rules 6(1) to (8).".

# 4. Rule 83AA amended (Claims for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses or Applications for Advance of Operating Funds)

#### Repeal

"When making a claim for reimbursement of operating expenses or applying for advance of operating funds in accordance with A Guide for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses for Members of the Legislative Council, or acting for purposes related thereto, a Member shall -

- (a) ensure that any information provided or any declaration or certification made is true, accurate and complete; and
- (b) act according to any undertaking that he has given."

#### Substitute

- "(1) When making a claim for reimbursement of operating expenses or applying for advance of operating funds in accordance with A Guide for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses for Members of the Legislative Council, or acting for purposes related thereto, a Member shall -
  - (a) ensure that any information provided or any declaration or certification made is true, accurate and complete; and
  - (b) act according to any undertaking that he has given.
- (2) The Clerk must ensure that Members are provided with the necessary facilities and resources within the Legislative Council for the proper execution of their duties.".

## 由陳淑莊議員提出的修訂

# 修訂《香港特別行政區立法會議事規則》

1. 修訂第 4條(立法會主席的選舉)

第 4(2)條,在"擔任。"之後——

加入

"立法會主席須由地區直選議員擔任。"。

2. 修訂第6條(立法會秘書的職責)

第 6(5A)(a)條一

廢除

"25年"

代以

"20年"。

3. 修訂第6條 (立法會秘書的職責)

在第6(8)條之後一

加入

- "(9) 立法會助理秘書須協助秘書執行其根據本議事規則第 6(1)至(8)條的職務。"。
- 4. 修訂第83AA條(申請發還工作開支或申請預支營運資金)

廢除

"議員根據《立法會議員申請發還工作開支的指引》申請發還工作開支 或申請預支營運資金,或就與此有關的目的行事時,必須 -

- (a) 確保提供或作出的任何資料、申報/聲明或證明是真實、準確 及詳盡的;及
- (b) 依照他已作出的任何承諾行事。"

#### 代以

- "(1)議員根據《立法會議員申請發還工作開支的指引》申請發還工作開支或申請預支營運資金,或就與此有關的目的行事時,必須。
  - (a) 確保提供或作出的任何資料、申報/聲明或證明是真實、準確 及詳盡的;及
  - (b) 依照他已作出的任何承諾行事。
- (2) 立法會秘書必須確保立法會議員在立法會內獲得必要的設施和資

源,以妥善履行職務。"。

# Proposed Amendments by Hon. Wu Chi Wai

# Amendments to Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

1.	Rule 1A amended (Precedence of Members)				
	(1)	Rule 1A(1), after "according to the" —			
		Repeal			
		"continuous".			
	(2)	Rule 1A(1), after "period of time for which he has held office in the			
		Council" —			
		Repeal			
		···,··,·· ,			
		Substitute			
		"whilst it is not necessary for him to hold office for a continuous period of			
		time; when more than one Member has held office for the same period of time, ".			
	(3)	Rule 1A(2), after "two or more Members who have held office for an			
		equal"—			
		Repeal			
		"continuous".			
2.	Rule 1A amended (Precedence of Members)				
		Rule 1A(2)—			
		Repeal			
		"As"			
		Substitute			
		"Subject to Rule 1A(1), as".			
(	(2)	Rule 1A(2), after "precedence shall be given to the one who"—			
		Add			
		"has received more votes in the election; if two or more members have			
		received the same number of votes, precedence shall be given to the one			
(	(2)	"has received more votes in the election; if two or more members have			

3. Rule 7 amended (Counsel to the Legislature)

Rule 7(2), after "the President"—

Add

", the Members"

# 4. Rule 14 amended (Days and Hours of Meetings)

After Rule 14(5)——

### Add

"(6) Meetings of the Council shall continue to be held during the annual plenary sessions of the National People's Congress and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference unless the President orders otherwise.".

## 由胡志偉議員提出的修訂

# 修訂《香港特別行政區立法會議事規則》

# 1. 修訂第 1A 條 (議員的排名)

(1) 第 1A(1)條,在 "立法會議員的排名序按"之後 ——**廢除** 

"連續"。

(2) 第 1A(1)條,在"擔任立法會議員的時間而定"之後—— **廢除** 

";"

### 代以

- ",擔任時間不一定需要連續;惟若時間相同,則"。
- (3) 第 1A(2)條,在 "如有兩名或以上議員"之後 ——**廢除**

"連續"。

# 2. 修訂第 1A條 (議員的排名)

(1) 第 1A(1)條,在 "如有兩名或以上議員"之前 —— 加入

"除議事規則第 1A(1)條另有規定外,"。

(2) 第 1A(1)條,在"則根據"之後——加入

"選舉時所得票數作排名,以較高者為先,若仍然相同則以"。

# 3. 修訂第7條 (立法機關法律顧問)

第7(2)條,在"向立法會主席"之後——

"、立法會議員"。

# 4. 修訂第14條(會議日期及時間)

在第14(5)條之後-

加入

加入

"(6) 立法會須在中華人民共和國全國人民代表大會會議和中國人民政治協商會議全國委員會進行期間繼續召開會議,惟主席另有命令者除外。"。

# Proposed Amendments by Hon. Charles Mok

# Amendments to Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

1. Rule 6 amended (Duties of the Clerk)

	Rule 6(	5), after "records, "——
	Ade	d
	"vio	deo recording,".
2.	Rule 8	amended (Attendance of the Chief Executive)
	(a)	Rule 8(b) —
		Repeal
		"and";
	(b)	Rule 8(c) —
		Repeal
		· · ·
		Substitute
		"; and".
	(c)	Rule 8, after paragraph (c)
		Add
		"(d) upon the invitation of the Council, any committee, subcommittee or
		Member."
3.	Rule 14	amended (Days and Hours of Meetings)
	Rule 14	.(3)—
	Rep	peal
	", 0	r to an earlier day or hour"
4.	Rule 1	amended (Oath or Affirmation)
	(a)	Rule 1, Chinese text——
		Repeal
		"凡擧行"
		Substitute
		"凡舉行".
	(b)	Rule 1, Chinese text——

### Repeal

"換屆選擧後"

#### Substitute

"換屆選舉後".

# 5. Rule 4 amended (Election of President)

(a) Rule 4, subtitle in Chinese text——

#### Repeal

"立法會主席的選舉"

#### Substitute

"立法會主席的選舉".

(b) Rule 4(4), Chinese text, after "因應該次立法會會議而"—

# Repeal

"舉行"

#### Substitute

"舉行".

# 6. Rule 12 amended (First Meeting of Term)

(a) Rule 12(2) —

### Repeal

"(立法會主席的選擧)"

#### Substitute

"(立法會主席的選舉)".

(b) Rule 12(2), Chinese text, after "程序進行"—

### Repeal

"立法會主席的選舉"

#### Substitute

"立法會主席的選舉".

# 7. Rule 13 amended (The Chief Executive's Policy Address)

Rule 13(1), Chinese text—

#### Repeal

"舉行"

### Substitute

"舉行".

8.	Rule 14	amended (Days and Hours of Meetings)
	Rule 14	<u> </u>
	Rul	e 14(2), Chinese text—
	Rej	peal
	"擧	行"
	Sub	ostitute
	"舉	行".
9.	Rule 15	s amended (Meetings for Urgent Business)
	(a)	Rule 15(1), Chinese text, after "解散之後的期間" —
		Repeal
		"擧行"
		Substitute
		"舉行".
	(b)	Rule 15(1), Chinese text, after "會議應在指明"——
		Repeal
		"舉行"
		Substitute
		"舉行".
	(c)	the party and th
		Repeal
		"選舉"
		Substitute
		"選舉".

# 由莫乃光議員提出的修訂

# 修訂《香港特別行政區立法會議事規則》

1. 修訂第6條(立法會秘書的職責)

第 6(5)條,在"紀錄、"之後——加入

"會議錄像、"。

- 2. 修訂第8條(行政長官出席會議)
  - (a) 第 8(b)條-

廢除

"及";

(b) 第8(c)條-

廢除

" ,,

代以

"; 及"。

(c) 第8條,在(c)段之後-

加入

"(d) 受立法會、立法會轄下任何委員會、小組委員會或議員邀請。"。

3. 修訂第14條 (會議日期及時間)

第 14(3)條一

廢除

"或提前"。

- 4. 修訂第1條 (宗教式或非宗教式宣誓)
  - (a) 第1條一

廢除

"凡擧行"

代以

"凡舉行"。

(b) 第1條一

廢除

"換屆選擧後"

代以

"換屆選舉後"。

- 5. 修訂第4條 (立法會主席的選擧)
  - (a) 第4條,標題——

廢除

"立法會主席的選舉"

代以

"立法會主席的選舉"。

(b) 第 4 (4) 條,在 "因應該次立法會會議而"之後——**廢除** 

"舉行"

代以

"舉行"。

- 6. 修訂第12條(每屆任期的首次會議)
  - (a) 第 12(2)條,在 "第 4 條"之後——**廢除**

"(立法會主席的撰舉)"

代以

"(立法會主席的選舉)"。

(b) 第 2 條,在 "程序進行"之後——**廢除** 

"立法會主席的選舉"

代以

"立法會主席的選舉"。

7. 修訂第13條 (行政長官發表施政報告)

第 13(1)條——

廢除

"舉行"

代以

"舉行"。

8. 修訂第14條(會議日期及時間)

(a) 第 **14(**1)條—— 廢除 "擧行" 代以 "舉行"。

(b) 第 1**4(2**)條—

# 廢除

"舉行"

代以

"舉行"。

# 9. 修訂第15條 (處理急切事項的會議)

(a) 第 15(1)條,在"解散之後的期間"之後—— 廢除

"擧行"

代以

"舉行"。

(b) 第 15(1)條,在"會議應在指明"之後—— 廢除

"擧行"

代以

"舉行"。

(c) 第 15(1)條,在"立法會議員的換屆"之後—— 廢除

"選舉"

代以

"選舉"。

# Proposed Amendments by Hon. Chan Chi Chuen

# Amendments to Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

#### 1. Rule 1B added

After Rule 1A—

Add

### "1B. Fundamental Rights

All Members of the Council (including the President), in carrying out their duties at the Council, shall respect the fundamental rights of Hong Kong Residents enshrined in Chapter III of the Basic Law and give due consideration to the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and other applicable international human rights instruments."

## 2. Rule 2 amended (Language)

After "A Member may address the Council"—

Add

"or chair a meeting".

### 3. Rule 4 amended (Election of President)

Rule 4(2), after "any foreign country"—

Add

"for the past 7 years,".

#### 4. Rule 9A added

After Rule 9-

Add

### "9A. Foreign Dignitaries

The Council may invite foreign dignitaries to attend meetings of the Council, any committee or subcommittee thereof from time to time when the President thinks fit.".

# 5. Rule 24 amended (Notice of Questions)

Repeal subrule (4)

Substitute

"(4) Not more than two questions without notice may be asked at any one meeting, and a member may ask not more than one question without notice in a session, the President may permit the question to be asked without notice, if he is satisfied that sufficient private notice of the question has been or is to be given by the Member concerned to the Government to enable the question to be answered."

# 由陳志全議員提出的修訂

# 修訂《香港特別行政區立法會議事規則》

## 1. 加入第 1B 條

在第 1A 條之後——

加入

# "1B. 基本權利

任何議員(包括主席)在履行立法會職務時,必須尊重《基本法》第三章所訂明香港居民的基本權利,以及充分考慮《公民權利和政治權利國際公約》、《經濟、社會與文化權利的國際公約》和有關國際人權文書的條文。"。

# 2. 修訂第2條(語文)

第 2 條,在"議員在立法會發言"之後——加入

"或主持會議"。

# 3. 修訂第4條(立法會主席的選舉)

第 4(2)條,在"連續滿 20 年並在"之後——加入

"過去7年在"。

## 4. 加入第 9A 條

在第9條之後——

加入

# "9A.外國政要

如果主席認為恰當,立法會可以不時邀請外國政要參與立法會會議、立法會轄下任何委員會或小組委員會。"。

# 5. 修訂第 24條 (質詢預告)

廢除第 (4) 款

代以

"(4) 每次會議可提出不多於二條無經預告的質詢,每名議員可在每一會期作出不多於一條無經預告的質詢,如主席信納有關議員已經或將會私下向政府作出充分的預告,以便政府能答覆該質詢,則可批准該議員無經預告而提出該質詢。"。

### Proposed Amendments by Hon. Kenneth Leung

# Amendments to Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

1.	Rule 6 amended (Duties of the Clerk)

Rule 6(7), after "with a clerk" —

Add

"and, unless the Clerk orders otherwise, a deputy clerk".

# 2. Rule 9 amended (Attendance of Public Officers)

Rule 9(2), after "a subcommittee of the Finance Committee" —

Add

"and shall give notice of the item(s) in writing to the Clerk not less than six clear days before the meeting, but shorter notice may be given if the Chairman of the Finance Committee so directs under exceptional circumstances".

# 3. Rule 14 amended (Days and Hours of Meetings)

Rule 14(2) —

### Repeal

"14 clear days before the meeting"

## Substitute

"12 clear days before the meeting".

## 由梁繼昌議員提出的修訂

# 修訂《香港特別行政區立法會議事規則》

# 1. 修訂第6條(立法會秘書的職責)

第 6(7)條,在 "一名秘書"之後一 加入

"及(除非立法會秘書另有指示)一名副秘書"。

# 2. 修訂第9條(官員列席會議)

第9(2)條,在"向立法會秘書作出預告"之後一加入

",並須在該次會議日期不少於6整天前以書面向立法會秘書作出預告,但在特殊情況下如財務委員會主席另有指示,可給予較短時間的預告"。

# 3. 修訂第14條(會議日期及時間)

第 14(2)條,在"須由立法會秘書於會議日期最少"之後一 **廢除** 

"14整天前發給各議員"

# 代以

"12整天前發給各議員"。

# Proposed Amendments by Hon. Fernando Cheung

# Amendments to Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

## 1. Rule 2 amended (Language)

Rule 2, after "either"——

#### Add

"sign language".

# 2. Rule 5 amended (President's Deputy)

Rule 5(1), after "President's deputy."—

#### Add

"The chairman of the House Committee must be a Member elected from the geographical constituency.".

# 3. Rule 15 amended (Meetings for Urgent Business)

Rule 15(2), after "at such hour as he may specify" –

#### Add

"or he shall call a special meeting if so decided by a two-thirds majority of the Members".

#### 4. Rule 86A added

After Rule 86-

Add

# "86A. Inclusion Policy

The Council considers access and inclusion as a priority and aims to make the Council accessible to disabled Members of the Council, staff and visitors. No Member shall be prevented from carrying out his duties at the Council by reason of his or her disability.".

# 由張超雄議員提出的修訂

# 修訂《香港特別行政區立法會議事規則》

# 1. 修訂第2條(語文)

第 2 條,在"可用"之後—— 加入 "手語"。

# 2. 修訂第5條(立法會代理主席)

第 5(1)條,在"擔任。"之後——加入

"內務委員會主席須由地區直選議員擔任。"。

# 3. 修訂第15條 (處理急切事項的會議)

第15條-

第 15(2)條,在"召開特別會議"之後-加入

",或須在獲得全體議員三分之二同意下召開特別會議"。

# 4. 加入第86A條

在第86條之後-

加入

# "86A. 傷健政策

立法會以可達度和共融性為優先考慮範疇,目的是讓傷健立法會議員、 工作人員和公眾人士均能進出立法會。任何立法會議員不會因為其身體 障礙而被妨礙執行其立法會職務。"。

# Proposed Amendments by Hon. Jeremy Tam

# Amendments to Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

# 1. Rule 11A added (Council Meetings be Held Openly)

After Rule 11 -

Add

# "11A. Council Meetings be Held Openly

All meetings of the Council shall be conducted in an open manner, subject to Rule 88 or otherwise as required by the Rules of Procedures or by law.".

# 2. Rule 13 amended (The Chief Executive shall deliver a Policy)

Rule 13(1A), after "The Chief Executive shall deliver a Policy Address to the Council"—

## Repeal

", if he so wishes,"

#### 3. Rule 17A added

After Rule 17-

Add

# "17A. Family Friendly

No member, male or female, will ever be prevented from participating in meetings of the Council by reason of having the care of a minor under the age of three.".

# 由譚文豪議員提出的修訂

# 修訂《香港特別行政區立法會議事規則》

# 1. 加入第 11A 條

在第11條之後—

加入

# "11A.立法會會議為公開會議

立法會的會議,除議事規則第 88 條、其他議事規則條文或其他有關法律另有規定外,須公開舉行。"。

# 2. 修訂第13條(行政長官發表施政報告)

第 13 (1A)條,在"行政長官"之後——

廢除

"可隨其意願"

# 3. 加入第 17A 條

在第17條之後-

加入

# "17A. 家庭友善

任何立法會議員(不論性別)不會因為需要照顧未滿 3 歲的小童而妨礙其出席立法會會議。"。

#### Proposed Amendments by Hon. Kwok Ka Ki

# Amendments to Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

#### 1. Rule 24 amended (Notice of Questions)

Rule 24(4), after "If a Member asks the permission of the President to ask a question without notice on the ground that it is of an urgent character" —

## Repeal

"and"

#### Substitute

"or".

### 2. Rule 44 amended (Decision of Chair Final)

Rule 44, after "shall be final." —

#### Add

"If any decision is objected by more than one Member, the President or the Chairman shall allow the Members to explain the objection. The President or the Chairman shall then explain his decision and the explanation should be put on record. The decision shall not be binding on later decisions."

#### 3. Rule 71 amended (Finance Committee)

Rule 71(5A), before "shall form a quorum of the committee." —

#### Repeal

"The chairman and 8 other members"

#### Substitute

"One third of the number of the Members (a fraction of the whole number being disregarded), including the chairman,".

# 4. Rule 75 amended (House Committee)

Rule 75(12A), before ", including the chairman." —

#### Repeal

"20 members."

#### Substitute

"One third of the number of the members (a fraction of the whole number being disregarded)".

## 由郭家麒議員提出的修訂

# 修訂《香港特別行政區立法會議事規則》

# 1. 修訂第 24 條 (質詢預告)

第24(4)條,在"如議員以事項性質急切"之後—

#### 部除

"及"

代以

"或"。

## 2. 修訂第44條 (主席決定為最終決定)

第44條,在"最終決定。"之後 —

### 加入

"若有超過一位議員反對主席某一項決定,主席須容許議員發言申述理據。主席須要就議員的反對作出解釋並記錄在案,而該決定並不能成為同類決定的先例。"。

### 3. 修訂第71條 (財務委員會)

第71(5A)條,在"法定人數為"之後—

### 廢除

"主席加上8名委員"

### 代以

"包括主席在内委員人數的三分之一(整數後的分數不計)。"。

# 4. 修訂第75條 (內務委員會)

第75(12A)條,在"包括主席在內"之後—

## 廢除

"的 20 名委員"

### 代以

"委員人數的三分之一(整數後的分數不計)。"。

### Proposed Amendments by Hon. Dennis Kwok

# Amendments to Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

### 1. Rule 1 amended (Oath or Affirmation)

Rule 1, after "the Oaths and Declarations Ordinance (Cap. 11)" —

Add

"under the supervision of the Chief Justice".

#### 2. Rule 1 amended (Oath or Affirmation)

Rule 1, after "before he attends a meeting or votes in the Council." —

#### Add

"In case an oath or affirmation subscribed by a Member is approved by the Clerk or the President or any member acting in the President's place but invalidated by a competent authority thereafter, the Member shall be entitled to the remuneration, benefits for and various kinds of reimbursements for expenses arising from his work carried out at the Legislative Council."

# 3. Rule 3 amended (Presiding in Council and in Committee of the Whole Council)

After Rule 3(1) —

#### Add

"(1A) The duties of the President require the balancing of the rights and interests of the majority and minority in the Council and that the interests of all parts of the Council are advocated and protected against the use of arbitrary authority.".

#### 4. Rule 7 amended (Counsel to the Legislature)

After Rule 7(2)—

#### Add

"(3) The Deputy Counsel shall assist the Counsel to the Legislature in discharge of his duties under Rules 7(1) and (2)".

## 由郭榮鏗議員提出的修訂

# 修訂《香港特別行政區立法會議事規則》

# 1. 修訂第1條(宗教式或非宗教式宣誓)

第 1 條,在 "《宣誓及聲明條例》(第 11 章)的規定"之後——加入

"及首席大法官監督下"。

# 2. 修訂第1條(宗教式或非宗教式宣誓)

第1條,在"亦須遵照本條規則再次宣誓。"之後——

"假如秘書、主席或代主席行事的議員批准某議員的宣誓,但其後卻被 有關機關判斷為失效,有關議員應享有其於立法會工作的酬金、福利及 各類實報實銷開支。"。

# 3. 修訂第3條(主持立法會及全體委員會會議)

在第 3(1)條之後——

## 加入

加入

"(1A) 立法會主席的職責是必須平衡立法會中多數人與少數人的權益,並確保立法會各方面的利益得到倡議與保障,不會被任意濫用的權力損害。"。

# 4. 修訂第7條 (立法機關法律顧問)

在第7(2)條之後——

#### 加入

"(3) 立法會助理法律顧問須協助立法機關法律顧問執行其根據本議事規則第7(1)及(2)條的職務。"。