

(Translation)

**Motion on**  
**“Fully transforming into a green and low-carbon smart society**  
**and economy, and proactively alleviating and coping with**  
**global climate change”**  
**moved by Hon Martin LIAO**  
**at the Council meeting of 12 December 2018**

**Motion as amended by Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, Hon KWOK Wai-keung**  
**Hon Charles Peter MOK and Hon Kenneth LEUNG**

That, given the worsening problem of global climate change, the crisis is imminent; according to the Paris Agreement, various countries are required to propose targets for voluntary reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases and to review and update such targets once every five years, hence Hong Kong should also dovetail with the country in honouring its undertakings as a State party; in this connection, this Council urges the SAR Government to cope with climate change more proactively, lead various social sectors and all people to fully transform Hong Kong into a green and low-carbon smart society and economy, and review at an appropriate time and enhance as appropriate Hong Kong’s capabilities to withstand extreme weather and adapt to climate change, with a view to making every endeavour to help alleviate this crisis faced by all mankind, providing Hong Kong people with due protection of their lives and properties, and promoting the sustainable development of the society and economy; specific policy measures include:

- (1) advocating energy efficiency and promoting intellectualization of infrastructure and green architecture, so as to develop a green and low-carbon smart community;
- (2) perfecting supporting measures to implement the policy on ‘Reduce, Recycle and Proper Waste Management’, and promoting the development of a circular economy;
- (3) providing additional dedicated resources for research and development, promoting the setting up of a ‘centre for industrialization and development of environmental protection technologies’, and promoting the development and use of environmental protection technologies;
- (4) promoting the use of clean energy and renewable energy to flexibly cope with future climate and environment change; and

- (5) promoting regional cooperation to jointly establish a green, low-carbon and high technology smart city cluster;
- (6) establishing a \$2 billion ‘green industries development fund’ to support the development of green industries;
- (7) nurturing a sufficient pool of talents to meet the manpower demand of various green industries;
- (8) providing dedicated tax and land concessions, etc. to attract more green industries to develop business in Hong Kong; and
- (9) enacting legislation on contingency measures for handling disasters caused by climate change and arrangements for suspension of work in times of and after disasters, so as to safeguard the safety of employees;
- (10) using data analysis to identify information that can facilitate the formulation of environmental protection policies and review their effectiveness; and
- (11) promoting the research and application of new green technologies to enhance energy efficiency, lower carbon emissions and reduce waste; and
- (12) developing proactively green finance to promote industry involvement in green projects relating to low-carbon or sustainable developments.