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**Motion on
“Proactively expanding development opportunities in the
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area”
moved by Hon WONG Ting-kwong
at the Council meeting of 20 March 2019**

**Motion as amended by Hon Christopher CHEUNG, Hon Tony TSE,
Hon YIU Si-wing, Hon Martin LIAO and Hon HO Kai-ming**

That after prudent planning, the Central Government has promulgated the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (‘the Plan’), the contents of which have taken on board the views of Hong Kong, Macao and the major cities in the Greater Bay Area, setting out the directions for future development of the Greater Bay Area, putting forward specific economic development objectives for Hong Kong and proposing a number of measures to facilitate Hong Kong people in living and working on the Mainland; in order to enable Hong Kong to properly perform the role of a core engine for regional development, grasp new opportunities of future development and improve people’s livelihood, this Council urges the SAR Government to formulate policies and allocate more resources to develop pillar industries, innovation and technology and other emerging industries, and to adopt more proactive measures to facilitate the daily living and travel of members of the public in Hong Kong, so as to offer appropriate channels of business expansion in the Greater Bay Area to enterprises of different sizes (micro, small, medium and large), create more new development and employment opportunities for Hong Kong people, particularly young people, and provide Hong Kong people with living space of better quality; the SAR Government should also proactively take part in promoting the development of the Greater Bay Area to the benefit of the Hong Kong economy, and through various measures, expand the leading advantages of the financial sector in Hong Kong by, among others, accelerating the process of forging connectivity with the financial markets on the Mainland, facilitating healthy competition among the three exchanges under one country and making concerted efforts to take forward the development of a financial innovation zone in the Greater Bay Area, so as to promote ‘connectivity among three new domains’ featuring connectivity in capital, talents and systems, and hence achieving full connectivity among the financial markets in the Greater Bay Area; other specific measures include:

- (1) appealing to the Mainland authorities that the Mainland individual income tax payable by Hong Kong people working in the Greater Bay Area must not be higher than the tax payable by them in Hong Kong;
- (2) strengthening cooperation with other cities in the Greater Bay Area in operating and managing the existing and soon-to-be-completed cross-boundary transport infrastructure, so as to enhance the overall operational efficiency of the facilities;
- (3) capitalizing on the advantages of Hong Kong to promote the formulation of performance standards for the service industry in the Greater Bay Area that are in line with the international standards, and expanding the scope of mutual recognition of professional qualifications among the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao;
- (4) cooperating with various cities in the Greater Bay Area and the relevant enterprises to launch more youth internship programmes targeting the professional sectors and organize more competitions relating to the planning and design of construction projects for young professionals; and
- (5) strengthening cooperation with other cities in the Greater Bay Area to increase opportunities for exchanges of and training for civil servants at various levels in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao by, among others, organizing more thematic courses and seminars on and field trips to the Greater Bay Area, and to study the exchange of civil servants with Guangzhou and Shenzhen on a pilot basis for short-term attachment training in the relevant corresponding departments, so as to develop empathetic thinking in swapped positions; and
- (6) seizing the development opportunities in the Greater Bay Area to promote the development of the tourism industry and attract more overseas visitors to visit Hong Kong on multi-destination itineraries, so as to give play to the role of Hong Kong as a tourism hub;
- (7) from the perspective of Hong Kong, categorizing the organized information on the latest developments and opportunities in the Greater Bay Area into areas of policy, service and industry, and disseminating the relevant information in a one-stop and user-friendly manner, particularly putting emphasis on explaining and publicizing the new thinking, new institutions and new concepts therein, so as to enable Hong Kong people and Hong Kong enterprises to see the full picture at a glance;

- (8) drawing up comprehensive planning and strategic measures for Hong Kong to align with and promote the development of the Greater Bay Area and the innovative cooperation mechanism with timely updates; and
- (9) putting in place mechanisms for proactively giving audience to the aspirations, opinions and suggestions of the local business, industrial and entrepreneurial sectors, labour sector, professional sectors, academic sector, think tanks, youth, etc. in relation to the Greater Bay Area, while enhancing interaction to assist with and facilitate their proactive participation in the development of the Greater Bay Area and ensuring that the relevant planning and measures are appropriate and timely, in order to firmly seize the opportunity to work together to strive for the framework of an international first-class bay area and world-class city cluster to be essentially formed in the Greater Bay Area in four years and lay a solid foundation for its maturity in 2035;
- (10) implementing convenient immigration measures, including incorporating the Home Visit Permits of Hong Kong people into the Mainland's digital certification system, and allowing Hong Kong people to renew or replace their Home Visit Permits directly on the Mainland, so as to provide convenience for Hong Kong people in travelling to and from the Greater Bay Area;
- (11) promoting mutual recognition of occupational qualifications in the Greater Bay Area to encourage the flow of talents in the region, and perfecting the contribution arrangements for Hong Kong people working on the Mainland in participating in social insurance to better protect their employment in the Greater Bay Area;
- (12) allowing Hong Kong people to conduct their Mainland business using their Hong Kong address, and relaxing the existing maximum amount of cash that can be carried into or out of the Mainland and the tax arrangements for some goods, so as to provide convenience for Hong Kong people in starting and developing businesses in the Greater Bay Area;
- (13) promoting exchange and cooperation on social services among the Governments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, including enhancing the portability of welfare measures and perfecting the elderly care policy and social services in the Greater Bay Area, so as to provide convenience for Hong Kong people residing in the Greater Bay Area;

- (14) strengthening partnership among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao in the regulation and operation of the tourism industry to jointly develop a world-class tourist destination cluster; and
- (15) introducing an electronic payment card that can be used in all cities in the Greater Bay Area to provide convenience for Hong Kong people in their daily travel and spending in the region.