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**Amendment to Hon YIU Si-wing's motion on
"Providing support for hard-hit industries affected by the epidemic"**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 655/20-21 issued on 9 June 2021, the President has given permission for Hon Frankie YICK to move an amendment to Hon YIU Si-wing's motion, and has directed that the amendment be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and the amendment. I set out below the relevant proceedings in which the President will:

- (a) call upon the motion mover to speak and move the motion;
- (b) propose the question on the motion;
- (c) call upon the Member who wishes to move an amendment to the motion to speak, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage;
- (d) call upon the public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) invite other Members to speak;
- (f) call upon the motion mover to speak on the amendment;

- (g) call upon the public officer(s) to speak again;
- (h) invite the amendment mover to move his amendment and forthwith propose and put to vote the question on the amendment; and
- (i) call upon the motion mover to reply, and then put to vote the question on the motion, or the motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' reference, the terms of the original motion and the marked-up version of the amendment are set out in the **Appendix**.

4. Members are reminded that in accordance with Appendix IIIA to the House Rules, the **maximum duration of this joint debate (including voting) is four hours**. The motion mover will have a total of 10 minutes to make introductory speech and reply, and another five minutes to speak on the amendment(s). The mover(s) of the amendment(s) and other Members may each speak once up to a maximum of five minutes. The public officer(s) will not be subject to any speaking time limit.

(Miranda HON)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Providing support for hard-hit industries affected by the epidemic”**

1. Hon YIU Si-wing’s original motion

That, in order to cope with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 epidemic, the Government has, over the past year or so, implemented the ‘No-gathering Order’ and immigration quarantine measures, nonetheless, Hong Kong’s economy has been dealt a severe blow as a result; the Government has launched a series of measures to boost the economy which have achieved initial results; according to the latest figures released by the Census and Statistics Department, the overall unemployment rate in Hong Kong has dropped; but as the prevailing epidemic has yet to be brought under control, and the date for the resumption of cross-border travel remains uncertain, many hard-hit industries have been struggling to survive, especially tourism and related industries, and the pace of Hong Kong’s economic recovery has also turned sluggish; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to allocate additional resources to continuously support the hard-hit industries affected by the epidemic; the relevant measures include:

- (1) collecting and analysing statistics for assessing the impact of the epidemic on individual industries, defining the industries profoundly affected by the epidemic as ‘hard-hit industries’, and seriously assess the short-, medium- and long-term impact of the shrinkage of hard-hit industries on Hong Kong’s economy;
- (2) allocating additional resources for assisting stakeholders and practitioners of hard-hit industries in tiding over the difficult times, and launching a new round of measures to support enterprises and safeguard jobs for hard-hit industries; and
- (3) providing extra support for tourism and related industries to prevent them from shrinking or even declining.

2. Motion as amended by Hon Frankie YICK

That, ~~in order to cope with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 epidemic,~~ *since the occurrence of ‘black-clad violence’ incidents in Hong Kong in the latter half of 2019, the number of visitor arrivals to Hong Kong has dropped significantly, resulting in a severe hit on Hong Kong’s economy; with the*

subsequent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 epidemic, the Government has, over the past year or so, implemented the ‘No-gathering Order’ and immigration quarantine measures *to cope with the epidemic*, nonetheless, Hong Kong’s economy has been dealt a *further* severe blow as a result; the Government has launched a series of measures to boost the economy which have achieved initial results; according to the latest figures released by the Census and Statistics Department, the overall unemployment rate in Hong Kong has dropped; but as the prevailing epidemic has yet to be brought under control, and the date for the resumption of cross-border travel remains uncertain, many hard-hit industries have been struggling to survive, ~~especially tourism and related industries~~, and the pace of Hong Kong’s economic recovery has also turned sluggish; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to allocate additional resources to continuously support the hard-hit industries affected by the epidemic; the relevant measures include:

- (1) collecting and analysing statistics for assessing the impact of the epidemic on individual industries, defining the industries profoundly affected by the epidemic as ‘hard-hit industries’, *for example, tourism and related industries, exhibition industry, cross-boundary passenger service sector, catering industry (e.g. suppliers of lunch boxes for schools), and such industries as bars, karaoke, nightclubs, mahjong parlours, and live music performance*, and seriously assess the short-, medium- and long-term impact of the shrinkage of hard-hit industries on Hong Kong’s economy;
- (2) allocating additional resources for assisting stakeholders and practitioners of hard-hit industries in tiding over the difficult times, and launching a new round of measures to support enterprises and safeguard jobs for hard-hit industries; ~~and~~
- (3) providing extra support for tourism and related industries to prevent them from shrinking or even declining; *and*
- (4) *providing a ‘business resumption allowance’ for the cross-boundary passenger service sector which still has zero income, so that the sector can prepare for business resumption, including inspecting and repairing conveyances which have been left idle for a long time to ensure that they can still operate safely upon the resumption of cross-border travel.*

Note: Hon Frankie YICK’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.