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

Wording of the 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.