

(Translation)

**Hon Kenneth LAU's motion on
“Promoting education on the history of
War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression”**

Wording of the Motion

That the Communist Party of China was the mainstay of the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression ('the War of Resistance'), and under its leadership, the Hong Kong Independent Battalion of the Dongjiang Column, an anti-Japanese aggression guerrilla force, fought against the Japanese army and rescued the Allied troops in various locations during the occupation of Hong Kong by the Japanese army, making significant contribution to the victory in the War of Resistance; to date, the war relics have scattered across various districts throughout the territory; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to actively promote education on the history of the War of Resistance and conserve the relevant relics in Hong Kong, so that Hong Kong people will have a better understanding of the history of the War of Resistance as well as the contribution and patriotism of the war martyrs, thereby enabling Hong Kong people to enhance their sense of national and ethnic identity and belonging, understand the importance of safeguarding national security, and treasure the prosperity and stability enjoyed by Hong Kong with the country's support; the relevant proposals include:

- (1) strengthening school education to facilitate students' correct understanding of the history of the War of Resistance through different channels such as curriculum design, topical studies, seminars and inter-school competitions; and
- (2) stepping up the promotion of the historical facts about anti-Japanese aggression to the community and heritage conservation, such as setting up a memorial hall and heritage trails of the War of Resistance, declaring sites marking the War of Resistance as statutory monuments, drawing up a list of sites of the war relics, erecting monuments for anti-Japanese aggression martyrs, and organizing thematic exhibitions and guided tours, so that the public can gain a deeper understanding of this episode in history.