

(Translation)

**Hon TANG Ka-piu's motion on
"Reforming the poverty alleviation policies and strategies of Hong Kong"**

Wording of the Motion

That with the poverty problem of Hong Kong becoming more serious, although the SAR Government has continuously formulated poverty alleviation strategies over the years, its inadequate efforts in implementing them have led to significant elderly poverty and working poverty problems and a further widening of the disparity between the rich and the poor in society, resulting in deep-rooted conflicts in Hong Kong; in this connection, this Council urges the SAR Government to reform poverty alleviation policies and strategies and make the utmost efforts to implement poverty alleviation measures on all fronts, including setting specific targets for reducing the poor population and narrowing the disparity between the rich and the poor, reviewing the methods for measuring poverty, implementing livelihood and fiscal measures that serve the function of redistributing wealth in society, promoting quality employment for all people (especially women and the elderly), upgrading the quality of human resources in society and enhancing the overall employment terms and conditions of employees in order to cater for the future economic development, and establishing a dedicated poverty alleviation department to take forward and intensify the work on poverty alleviation, with a view to gradually realizing common prosperity for all the people in Hong Kong and achieving an olive-shaped society (with a narrow poor class, a wide middle class and a narrow rich class) in which everyone has opportunities and everyone harbours hopes.