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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Amendments to Hon Kenneth LAU's motion on
“Improving the transport networks of the New Territories
to cater for the development of the Northern Metropolis”**

Further to the email (LC Paper No. CB(3)325/2023) issued on 4 May 2023, the President has given permission for Hon CHAN Yuet-ming and Hon LUK Chung-hung to move amendments to Hon Kenneth LAU's motion, and has directed that the amendments be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and the amendments. 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 Members who wish to move amendments to the motion to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon CHAN Yuet-ming; and
 - (ii) Hon LUK Chung-hung;
- (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 amendments;
- (g) call upon the public officer(s) to speak again;
- (h) deal with the amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above, i.e. first invite the mover of the first amendment to move the amendment and forthwith propose and put to vote the question on the amendment, and thereafter proceed to deal with the remaining amendment(s); and
- (i) after all amendments have been dealt with, 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. The terms of the original motion and the marked-up version of the amendments (LC Paper No. CB(3)359/2023(01)) are attached for Members' easy reference. The amendments are also accessible via the hyperlink below: <https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr2023/english/counmtg/motion/cm20230517m-lik.htm>

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 (paragraph 2(a) and (i) above refers), and another five minutes to speak on the amendment(s) (paragraph 2(f) above refers). The mover(s) of the amendment(s) and other Members may each speak once up to a maximum of five minutes.

5. For enquiries, please contact **Miss Mandy NG at tel. no. 3919 3307**.

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(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Improving the transport networks of the New Territories
to cater for the development of the Northern Metropolis”**

1. Hon Kenneth LAU’s original motion

That the Northern Metropolis, which encompasses a number of areas in the New Territories including new towns in Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai and Fanling/Sheung Shui and their neighbouring rural areas, and covers from the west to the east the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Boundary Control Points Economic Belt, as well as the deeper hinterlands, will be the most important area in Hong Kong that facilitates the development integration with Shenzhen and connection with the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (‘GBA’); however, the existing transport networks of the New Territories are not well-developed and some rural areas even lack road connections, which can hardly cater for the development of the Northern Metropolis, hindering Hong Kong from seizing the development opportunities in GBA; in this connection, this Council urges the SAR Government to improve the transport networks of the New Territories and actively expand rural road networks, with a view to implementing the ‘infrastructure-led’ development concept, strengthening the transport connection between the Northern Metropolis and the Harbour Metropolis, and enhancing the connectivity between Hong Kong and Shenzhen, thereby enabling Hong Kong to better integrate into the overall development of the country.

2. Motion as amended by Hon CHAN Yuet-ming

That *according to information*, the Northern Metropolis, which encompasses a number of areas in the New Territories including new towns in Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai and Fanling/Sheung Shui, *Ta Kwu Ling District, Sha Tau Kok District* and their neighbouring rural areas, and covers from the west to the east the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Boundary Control Points (‘BCPs’) Economic Belt, as well as the deeper hinterlands, will be the most important area in Hong Kong that facilitates the development integration with Shenzhen and connection with the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (‘GBA’); however, the existing transport networks of the New Territories are not well-developed and some rural areas even lack road connections, which can hardly cater for the development of the Northern Metropolis, hindering Hong Kong from seizing the development opportunities in GBA; in this connection, this Council urges the SAR Government to improve the transport networks of the New Territories and actively expand rural road networks, ~~with a view to implementing~~ *in order to implement* the ‘infrastructure-led’ development concept, ~~strengthening~~ *including*

extending the alignment of the Northern Metropolis Highway to Ta Kwu Ling, Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai BCP and Sha Tau Kok BCP so that it will run through the entire Northern Metropolis from east to west, strengthen the transport connection between the Northern Metropolis and the Harbour Metropolis, and enhancing enhance the connectivity between Hong Kong and Shenzhen by providing a railway link connecting the seven land BCPs between Shenzhen and Hong Kong, thereby enabling Hong Kong to better integrate into the overall development of the country.

Note: Hon CHAN Yuet-ming's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon LUK Chung-hung

That *according to the Northern Metropolis Development Strategy released by the Government in 2021*, the Northern Metropolis, which encompasses a number of areas in the New Territories including new towns in Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai and Fanling/Sheung Shui and their neighbouring rural areas, and covers from the west to the east the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Boundary Control Points Economic Belt, as well as the deeper hinterlands, will be the most important area in Hong Kong that facilitates the development integration with Shenzhen and connection with *the Mainland cities of* the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area ('GBA'); however, the existing transport networks of the New Territories are not well-developed, *the East Rail Line can hardly meet future demand, the proposed railway lines (such as the Northern Link, the Central Rail Link and the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Rail Link (Hung Shui Kiu-Qianhai)) cannot be completed and commissioned at the time of population intake of the new development areas*, and some rural areas *are only connected by roads which fail to meet modern-day standards or* even lack road connections, ~~which~~; *all the above situations* can hardly cater for the development of the Northern Metropolis, hindering Hong Kong from seizing the development opportunities in GBA; in this connection, this Council urges the SAR Government to improve the transport networks of the New Territories ~~and~~, actively expand *the railway network of the New Territories, and improve and expand* rural road networks, with a view to implementing the 'infrastructure-led' development concept, strengthening the transport connection between the Northern Metropolis and the Harbour Metropolis *in order to establish a development pattern of 'South-North dual engine (finance-innovation and technology)'*, and enhancing the connectivity between Hong Kong and Shenzhen, thereby enabling Hong Kong to better integrate into the overall development of the country.

Note: Hon LUK Chung-hung's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.