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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Amendments to Hon Kenneth LEUNG's motion on
"Formulating a comprehensive population policy"**

Further to the email (LC Paper No. CB(3)382/2023) issued on 18 May 2023, the President has given permission for four Members (Hon YANG Wing-kit, Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, Hon Dennis LEUNG and Hon Benson LUK) to move amendments to Hon Kenneth LEUNG'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 YANG Wing-kit;
 - (ii) Hon Dennis LEUNG;
 - (iii) Hon Benson LUK; and
 - (iv) Hon YUNG Hoi-yan;

- (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)415/2023(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/cm20230531m-lyw.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 **Ms Jacqueline LAW at tel. no. 3919 3306**.

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Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Formulating a comprehensive population policy”**

1. Hon Kenneth LEUNG’s original motion

That Hong Kong’s declining birth rate and rapidly ageing population will not only have far-reaching implications for future economic and social development, but will also lead to an increase in the dependency ratio, thereby affecting the life planning and comprehensive development of young people; in this connection, this Council requests the Government to formulate a comprehensive population policy through high-level coordination and cross-departmental collaboration, which includes creating a social environment suitable for young people to form families in various areas such as marriage, childbearing, parenting, education and housing, while at the same time planning for the development of industries, labour demand, elderly care measures, etc. in the ageing society of Hong Kong, so as to ensure the sustainability of Hong Kong’s demographic structure.

2. Motion as amended by Hon YANG Wing-kit

That Hong Kong’s ~~declining~~ ***workforce has shrunk by more than 100 000 over the past two years, and the*** birth rate ~~and~~ ***has even dropped to a 30-year low; the*** rapidly ageing population will not only have far-reaching implications for future economic and social development, but will also lead to an increase in the dependency ratio, thereby affecting the life planning and comprehensive development of young people; in this connection, this Council ~~requests~~ ***urges*** the Government to formulate a comprehensive population policy through high-level coordination and cross-departmental collaboration, which includes creating a social environment suitable for young people to form families in various areas such as marriage, childbearing, parenting, education and housing, ***as well as improving the policy on encouraging childbirth, including the provision of incentives such as cash or non-cash allowances to boost the fertility rate,*** while at the same time planning for the development of industries, labour demand, elderly care measures, etc. in the ageing society of Hong Kong, so as to ensure the sustainability of Hong Kong’s demographic structure.

Note: Hon YANG Wing-kit’s amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon Dennis LEUNG

That *Hong Kong's fertility has broadly shown a downward trend over the past 30 years*; Hong Kong's declining birth rate and rapidly ageing population *in recent years* will ~~not only~~ have far-reaching implications for future economic and social development, ~~but will also lead to an increase in the dependency ratio, thereby affecting the life planning and comprehensive development of young people~~; in this connection, this Council requests the Government to formulate a comprehensive population policy through high-level coordination and cross-departmental collaboration, which includes *creating a high-quality employment environment for young people and adults, and* creating a *family-friendly* social environment suitable for young people ~~to form families~~ *and adults* in various areas such as marriage, childbearing, parenting, education and housing, *for example: promoting a balance between work and family life, improving the measures to encourage childbearing (such as improving the arrangements for maternity leave, paternity leave and child allowance), as well as increasing services of child care, after-school care and day care centres for the elderly in order to fully unleash the workforce*; while at the same time *comprehensively* planning for the development of industries, *employment opportunities for the silver-haired group*, labour demand, *and* elderly care measures *with 'ageing in place' as the core*, etc. in the ageing society of Hong Kong, so as to ensure the ~~sustainability~~ *sustainable development* of Hong Kong's demographic structure.

Note: Hon Dennis LEUNG's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

4. Motion as amended by Hon Benson LUK

That Hong Kong's declining birth rate and rapidly ageing population will not only have far-reaching implications for future economic and social development, but will also lead to an increase in the dependency ratio, thereby affecting the life planning and comprehensive development of young people, *and will even lead to a decline in labour force in the long term, as well as stifle Hong Kong's impetus for growth in various aspects such as the economy, society and people's livelihood*; in this connection, this Council requests the Government to formulate a comprehensive population policy through high-level coordination and cross-departmental collaboration, which includes creating a social environment suitable for young people to form families in various areas such as marriage, childbearing, parenting, education and housing, while at the same time planning for the development of industries, labour demand, elderly care measures, etc. in the ageing society of Hong Kong, *and in particular, expeditiously putting forward specific measures to encourage childbearing to mitigate the trend of a declining*

birth rate, so as to ensure the sustainability of Hong Kong's demographic structure.

Note: Hon Benson LUK's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.

5. Motion as amended by Hon YUNG Hoi-yan

That Hong Kong's declining birth rate and rapidly ageing population will not only have far-reaching implications for future economic and social development, but will also lead to an increase in the dependency ratio, thereby affecting the life planning and comprehensive development of young people; in this connection, this Council requests the Government to ~~formulate~~ *accurately grasp the needs of society by continuously conducting assessments and studies on the future development of society, thereby formulating* a comprehensive population policy through high-level coordination and cross-departmental collaboration, ~~which includes~~ *and adopt the following measures to ensure the sustainability of Hong Kong's demographic structure:*

- (1) creating a social environment suitable for young people to form families in various areas such as marriage, childbearing, parenting, education and housing, ~~while at the same time;~~
- (2) *stepping up efforts to promote family-friendly policies in order to provide more support for dual-income parents, and enhancing child-rearing and child care services to encourage childbearing among young people;*
- (3) *improving the implementation details of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) education, promoting artificial intelligence education, and enhancing vocational skills training, so that the development of young people can meet the development needs of society;*
- (4) *assessing the future talent demand in order to 'compete for talents externally and retain talents internally';*
- (5) planning for the development of industries, labour demand, elderly care measures, etc. in the ageing society of Hong Kong, ~~so as to ensure the sustainability of Hong Kong's demographic structure as well as~~ *establishing a comprehensive career ladder for the elderly care sector so as to attract young people to join the sector, thereby alleviating the problem of manpower shortage; and*

- (6) ***promoting an active ageing policy to encourage the elderly to achieve self-enhancement, continue learning and build up their social life, thus enabling them to maintain their physical and mental health.***

Note: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.