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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Amendments to Hon CHAN Yuet-ming's motion on
"Proactively responding to national development strategies by
following up on the development of the Northern Metropolis"**

Further to the email (LC Paper No. CB(3)902/2023) issued on 30 November 2023, the President has given permission for eleven Members (Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, Hon Duncan CHIU, Prof Hon William WONG, Hon Kenneth LAU, Hon YIM Kong, Hon SHANG Hailong, Hon LUK Chung-hung, Hon Carmen KAN, Prof Hon Priscilla LEUNG, Hon LAU Kwok-fan and Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE) to move amendments to Hon CHAN Yuet-ming'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) Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok;
 - (ii) Hon Duncan CHIU;
 - (iii) Prof Hon William WONG;
 - (iv) Hon SHANG Hailong;
 - (v) Hon Carmen KAN;

- (vi) Hon LAU Kwok-fan;
- (vii) Hon Kenneth LAU;
- (viii) Prof Hon Priscilla LEUNG;
- (ix) Hon YIM Kong;
- (x) Hon LUK Chung-hung; and
- (xi) Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE;

- (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)942/2023(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/cm20231213m-cym.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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for Clerk to the Legislative Council

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(Translation)

Motion debate on
“Proactively responding to national development strategies by following up
on the development of the Northern Metropolis”

1. Hon CHAN Yuet-ming’s original motion

That the 14th Five-Year Plan supports Hong Kong in building itself into an international centre for innovation and technology (‘I&T’), and the development of the Northern Metropolis is to actively respond to national development strategies and deeply integrate with the planning of Shenzhen and other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; according to the Action Agenda for the Northern Metropolis published by the Government, the area, which will be steered towards the development of different industries, will be divided into four major zones and display different strategic positionings; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to proactively respond to national development strategies by leveraging the advantages of ‘one country, two systems’, the Northern Metropolis’ having seven land boundary control points and so on to build the area into a new international I&T city as scheduled, promote home-job balance, and develop a prosperous metropolitan area ideal for living, working and travelling, thereby creating strong impetus for Hong Kong’s growth.

2. Motion as amended by Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok

That *the important way forward for Hong Kong is to meet the country’s needs by leveraging its advantages*; the 14th Five-Year Plan supports Hong Kong in building itself into an international centre for innovation and technology (‘I&T’), and the development of the Northern Metropolis is to actively respond to national development strategies and deeply integrate with the planning of Shenzhen and other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; according to the Action Agenda for the Northern Metropolis published by the Government, the area, which will be steered towards the development of different industries, will be divided into four major zones and display different strategic positionings; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to proactively respond to national development strategies by leveraging the advantages of ‘one country, two systems’, the Northern Metropolis’ having seven land boundary control points and so on to *accelerate the formulation of detailed development proposals for the area, put in place clear financial arrangements as soon as possible, and enhance the interdepartmental coordination and execution capabilities, so as to* build the area into a new international I&T city as scheduled, promote home-job balance, and develop a prosperous metropolitan area ideal for living, working and travelling, thereby creating strong impetus for Hong Kong’s growth.

Note: Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.

3. Motion as amended by Hon Duncan CHIU

That *Hong Kong is actively dovetailing with the motherland's high-quality development, and* the 14th Five-Year Plan supports Hong Kong in building itself into an international centre for innovation and technology ('I&T'), and the development of the Northern Metropolis is to actively respond to national development strategies and deeply integrate with the planning of Shenzhen and other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; according to the Action Agenda for the Northern Metropolis published by the Government, the area, which will be steered towards the development of different industries, will be divided into four major zones and display different strategic positionings; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to proactively respond to national development strategies by leveraging the advantages of 'one country, two systems', the Northern Metropolis' having seven land boundary control points and so on to build the area into a new international I&T city as scheduled, promote home-job balance, and develop a prosperous metropolitan area ideal for living, working and travelling, thereby creating strong impetus for Hong Kong's growth; *this Council also urges the Government to drive a clustering effect through the overall planning of the Northern Metropolis, enhance cross-boundary flow of talents, enterprises and data, and build a 'fund tower' to attract Mainland and overseas specialist funds and investors to move in, so as to facilitate the seeking of funding support by Hong Kong's technology enterprises (especially start-ups) and research teams; meanwhile, with the formation of a 'data cluster' in the Northern Metropolis, favourable conditions conducive to the establishment of digital infrastructure, such as high-tier data centres and artificial intelligence ('AI') supercomputing centres, should be provided to promote the development of technology enterprises in the areas of big data, AI and so on.*

Note: Hon Duncan CHIU's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.

4. Motion as amended by Prof Hon William WONG

That *in 2021, the country formulated* the 14th Five-Year Plan, *which proposes adhering to innovation and accelerating its development into a leading country in science and technology, and* supports Hong Kong in building itself into an international centre for innovation and technology ('I&T'), ~~and~~; the development of the Northern Metropolis is to actively respond to national development strategies and deeply integrate with the planning of Shenzhen and other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; according to the Action Agenda for the Northern Metropolis published by the Government, the area, which will be steered towards the development of different industries, will be

divided into four major zones and display different strategic positionings; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to proactively respond to national development strategies by leveraging the advantages of ‘one country, two systems’, the Northern Metropolis’ having seven land boundary control points and so on to build the area into a new international I&T city as scheduled, ***construct the Northern Metropolis University Town to make it a research and development and technology transfer base supporting the area***, promote home-job balance, and develop a prosperous metropolitan area ideal for living, working and travelling, thereby creating strong impetus for Hong Kong’s growth.

Note: Prof Hon William WONG’s amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.

5. Motion as amended by Hon SHANG Hailong

That ~~*in line with*~~ the 14th Five-Year Plan ~~supports Hong Kong in building itself and the country’s support for the positioning of building Hong Kong~~ into an international centre for innovation and technology (‘I&T’), ~~and the development of the Northern Metropolis is~~ ***the SAR Government has, in the 2023 Policy Address, proposed to ‘move ahead with the Northern Metropolis as the new engine for growth’ in order*** to actively respond to national development strategies, and ***the development of the Northern Metropolis will*** deeply integrate with the planning of Shenzhen and other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; according to the Action Agenda for the Northern Metropolis published by the Government, the area, which will be steered towards the development of different industries, will be divided into four major zones and display different strategic positionings; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

- (1) proactively respond to national development strategies by leveraging the advantages of ‘one country, two systems’, ***which enables Hong Kong to attract multicultural overseas talents***, the Northern Metropolis’ having seven land boundary control points and so on to build the area into a new international I&T city as scheduled, promote home-job balance, and develop ***an international talent hub and*** a prosperous metropolitan area ideal for living, working and travelling, thereby creating strong impetus for Hong Kong’s growth; ***and***
- (2) ***implement the alignment of planning between the Northern Metropolis and the Hetao Co-operation Zone and give full play to the development positioning of the Northern Metropolis in order to create synergy in the medium to long term, with a view to realizing the transformation of***

research and development outcomes in greater depth and breadth in the two places.

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

6. Motion as amended by Hon Carmen KAN

That *on 11 March 2021, the National People's Congress adopted* the 14th Five-Year Plan, *which fully* supports Hong Kong in building itself into an international centre for innovation and technology ('I&T'), ~~and;~~ the development of the Northern Metropolis is to actively respond to national development strategies and deeply integrate with the planning of Shenzhen and other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; according to the Action Agenda for the Northern Metropolis published by the Government, the area, which will be steered towards the development of different industries, will be divided into four major zones and display different strategic positionings; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to proactively respond to national development strategies by leveraging the advantages of 'one country, two systems', the Northern Metropolis' having seven land boundary control points and so on to *promote the development of the Northern Metropolis from such aspects as better integrating a 'capable government' with an 'efficient market', strengthening the cooperation and collaboration between Hong Kong and Shenzhen and enhancing the effectiveness of publicity and promotion, so as to* build the area into a new international I&T city as scheduled, promote home-job balance, and develop a prosperous metropolitan area ideal for living, working and travelling, thereby creating strong impetus for Hong Kong's growth.

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

7. Motion as amended by Hon LAU Kwok-fan

That ~~the 14th Five-Year Plan supports~~ *the Northern Metropolis is one of the SAR Government's major development projects that aims to actively respond to the national development strategy of supporting* Hong Kong in building itself into an international centre for innovation and technology ('I&T'), ~~and the development of the Northern Metropolis is to actively respond to national development strategies~~ *as outlined in the 14th Five-Year Plan,* and deeply ~~integrate~~ *integrates* with the planning of Shenzhen and other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; according to the Action Agenda for the Northern Metropolis published by the Government, the area,

which will be steered towards the development of different industries, will be divided into four major zones and display different strategic positionings; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to proactively respond to *the* national development ~~strategies~~ *strategy* by leveraging the advantages of ‘one country, two systems’, the Northern Metropolis’ having seven land boundary control points and so on to build the area into a new international I&T city as scheduled; *this Council also urges the Government to:*

- (1) *adjust its mindset in public administration by changing its approach from the previous over-emphasis on regulation to focusing on promoting development and providing services, thus expediting the development of the Northern Metropolis;*
- (2) *enhance the powers and functions as well as staffing composition of the Northern Metropolis Co-ordination Office (‘NMC’), including further simplifying the laws and regulations relating to land, transport system and major infrastructure development, strengthening the administrative and coordinating powers of NMC, and enlisting talents familiar with I&T, industry development, attracting enterprises and investment, etc., so that NMC can take forward the development of the Northern Metropolis more efficiently;*
- (3) *expeditiously implement specific policies on promoting industry development in the Northern Metropolis; and*
- (4) *introduce leisure facilities such as city farms into the Northern Metropolis, and strengthen the conservation and utilization of wetlands, country parks and other natural features,*

in order to promote home-job balance, and develop a prosperous metropolitan area ideal for living, working and travelling, thereby creating strong impetus for Hong Kong’s growth.

Note: Hon LAU Kwok-fan’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

8. Motion as amended by Hon Kenneth LAU

That the 14th Five-Year Plan supports Hong Kong in building itself into an international centre for innovation and technology (‘I&T’), and *developing mechanisms to facilitate its integration into the overall development of the country and foster complementary and coordinated development with the Mainland;* the development of the Northern Metropolis is to actively respond to

national development strategies and deeply integrate with the planning of Shenzhen and other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; according to the Action Agenda for the Northern Metropolis published by the Government, the area, which will be steered towards the development of different industries, will be divided into four major zones and display different strategic positionings; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to proactively respond to national development strategies by leveraging the advantages of ‘one country, two systems’, the Northern Metropolis’ having seven land boundary control points and so on to build the area into a new international I&T city as scheduled, promote home-job balance, ***develop the area in a more speedy and efficient manner***, and develop a prosperous metropolitan area ideal for living, working and travelling, thereby creating strong impetus for Hong Kong’s growth; ***specific measures include:***

- (1) ***promoting the orderly implementation of major infrastructure projects such as the ‘three railways and three major roads’, the ‘two railways and one major road’, and the Green Transit System in Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area and Adjacent Areas, so as to enhance internal and external connectivity of the Northern Metropolis;***
- (2) ***optimizing the planning of Tuen Mun West Area to support the development of the high-end professional services and logistics hub in the Northern Metropolis, thereby dovetailing with the opportunities brought about by Qianhai of Shenzhen and achieving synergy effects;***
- (3) ***studying the gradual lifting of the frontier closed area restriction of Sha Tau Kok Town and Chung Ying Street, and fully promoting the recreation and tourism development of areas such as Sha Tau Kok, Robin’s Nest, Lin Ma Hang, Yan Tong Chau, as well as coastal villages and the outlying islands; and***
- (4) ***constructing a national development museum, a memorial hall on the history of the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression, and a history exhibition hall of the Communist Party of China in the Northern Metropolis, so as to revitalize the cultural and historical resources in the area.***

Note: Hon Kenneth LAU’s amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type***.

9. Motion as amended by Prof Hon Priscilla LEUNG

That the 14th Five-Year Plan supports Hong Kong in building itself into an international centre for innovation and technology ('I&T'), and the development of the Northern Metropolis is to actively respond to national development strategies and deeply integrate with the planning of Shenzhen and other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; according to the Action Agenda for the Northern Metropolis published by the Government, the area, which will be steered towards the development of different industries, will be divided into four major zones and display different strategic positionings; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to proactively respond to national development strategies by leveraging the advantages of 'one country, two systems', the Northern Metropolis' having seven land boundary control points and so on to build the area into a new international I&T city as scheduled, promote home-job balance, and develop a prosperous metropolitan area ideal for living, working and travelling, ~~thereby creating~~ ***raise the residents' quality of life, and create*** strong impetus for Hong Kong's growth; ***this Council also urges the Government to:***

- (1) ***formulate detailed timetables and interim goals to ensure that the development projects in the Northern Metropolis will be taken forward on schedule, and establish an oversight mechanism and make regular assessments to ensure that each project is taken forward effectively;***
- (2) ***enhance the infrastructure of the Northern Metropolis to promote internal and external transport connectivity in the area;***
- (3) ***formulate specific measures and strengthen international cooperation to attract top technology talents and innovation teams from overseas to set up their operations in the new international I&T city; and***
- (4) ***ensure equal emphasis on industry development and environmental protection in respect of the development of the Northern Metropolis to achieve green and sustainable development.***

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

10. Motion as amended by Hon YIM Kong

That the 14th Five-Year Plan supports Hong Kong in building itself into an international centre for innovation and technology ('I&T'), and the development of the Northern Metropolis is to actively respond to national development strategies and deeply integrate with the planning of Shenzhen and other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; according to the Action Agenda for the Northern Metropolis published by the Government, the area, which will be steered towards the development of different industries, will be divided into four major zones and display different strategic positionings; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to proactively respond to national development strategies by leveraging the advantages of 'one country, two systems', the Northern Metropolis' having seven land boundary control points and so on to build the area into a new international I&T city as scheduled, promote home-job balance, and develop a prosperous metropolitan area ideal for living, working and travelling, thereby creating strong impetus for Hong Kong's growth; ***this Council also urges the Government to dovetail with the Development Plan for Shenzhen Park of Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone introduced by the State Council to promote the development of the Northern Metropolis in terms of the science and technology innovation system and mechanism, the division of work among innovative industries, the flow of innovative elements, and so on.***

Note: Hon YIM Kong's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type***.

11. Motion as amended by Hon LUK Chung-hung

That the 14th Five-Year Plan supports Hong Kong in building itself into an international centre for innovation and technology ('I&T'), and the development of the Northern Metropolis is to actively respond to national development strategies and deeply integrate with the planning of Shenzhen and other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; according to the Action Agenda for the Northern Metropolis published by the Government, the area, which will be steered towards the development of different industries, will be divided into four major zones and display different strategic positionings; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to proactively respond to national development strategies by leveraging the advantages of 'one country, two systems', the Northern Metropolis' having seven land boundary control points and so on to build the area into a new international I&T city as scheduled, promote home-job balance, and develop a prosperous metropolitan area ideal for living, working and travelling, thereby creating strong impetus for Hong Kong's growth; ***this Council also proposes that the Government should expeditiously***

implement the streamlining of the clearance procedures between Guangdong and Hong Kong to facilitate the cross-boundary flow of I&T personnel, and import electricity from the Mainland or introduce new electricity suppliers to the Northern Metropolis that currently lacks distribution facilities.

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

12. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE

That the 14th Five-Year Plan supports Hong Kong in building itself into an international centre for innovation and technology ('I&T'), and the development of the Northern Metropolis is to actively respond to national development strategies and deeply integrate with the planning of Shenzhen and other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; according to the Action Agenda for the Northern Metropolis published by the Government, the area, which will be steered towards the development of different industries, will be divided into four major zones and display different strategic positionings; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to proactively respond to national development strategies by leveraging the advantages of 'one country, two systems', the Northern Metropolis' having seven land boundary control points and so on to build the area into a new international I&T city as scheduled, promote home-job balance, and develop a prosperous metropolitan area ideal for living, working and travelling, thereby creating strong impetus for Hong Kong's growth; *this Council also urges the Government to, when carrying out the top-level design of the Northern Metropolis, strengthen collaboration with the industries to proactively incorporate leading I&T technologies such as artificial intelligence, financial technologies, low-carbon construction and smart grid, so as to develop the Northern Metropolis into a world-class green smart city demonstration community, and drive the development of related industries and the overall I&T ecosystem in Hong Kong by demand.*

Note: Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.