

(Translation)

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

Wording of the 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.