(Translation)

Prof Hon William WONG's motion on "Improving innovation and technology education to strengthen the nurturing of local innovation and technology talents"

Wording of the Motion

That as the development of innovation and technology ('I&T') is an important driving force for enhancing national strength, boosting the economy and improving people's livelihood, places around the world have invested substantial resources in the I&T field, and the demand for I&T talents is growing; the Government promulgated the Hong Kong Innovation and Technology Development Blueprint last year to establish a clear development path and formulate systematic strategic planning for Hong Kong's I&T development over the next 5 to 10 years, charting Hong Kong in moving full steam towards the vision of an international I&T centre; however, with a shortage of I&T talents in Hong Kong, it is necessary to strengthen the nurturing of local I&T talents in the long term; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to set up a steering committee on I&T education; review and revamp the I&T teaching contents in pre-primary, primary, secondary and post-secondary education as well as vocational and professional education and training, so as to re-establish a flexible and systematic curriculum framework for the learning area of I&T; further enhance the pre-service and in-service training of I&T teachers; set up 'district I&T education centres' to fully support the teaching of I&T in schools; arrange more extensive and quality exchange activities for teachers and students to broaden their horizons and foster their sense of innovation; and develop guidelines on the I&T cultivation elements of off-school I&T programmes to ensure the quality of the programmes, thereby meeting the increasing demand for I&T talents.