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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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Amendments to Hon Jeffrey LAM's motion on "Actively responding to economic transformation and maintaining a favourable business environment"

The President has given permission for Hon Rock CHEN and Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE to move amendments to Hon Jeffrey LAM's motion. The terms of the original motion and the marked-up version of the amendments (LC Paper No. CB(1)1694/2024(01)) are **attached** for Members' information.

- 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 Rock CHEN; and
 - (ii) 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. 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.

(Jessica CHAN) for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

Motion debate on "Actively responding to economic transformation and maintaining a favourable business environment"

1. Hon Jeffrey LAM's original motion

That as Hong Kong is now at the stage of economic transformation, this Council urges the SAR Government to introduce feasible policy measures to support the development of local enterprises and maintain a favourable business environment in Hong Kong, including:

- (1) actively taking forward the task of attracting enterprises and investment, developing the headquarters economy and fostering the development of family offices in Hong Kong, with a view to bringing more new capital and diversified business into Hong Kong and creating a business environment that is favourable to the long-term development of Hong Kong;
- (2) further enhancing the talent policy to attract various types of talents, including international top talents, to Hong Kong for work and settlement, while adopting active measures to retain local talents, so as to provide local enterprises with suitable talents;
- vigorously supporting the sustainable development of small and medium enterprises and assisting them in upgrading and transformation and opening up new business and markets, so that they can adapt to changes in the operation environment; and
- (4) further deepening and fostering cooperation among various bureaux and departments in the Government, and better improving the existing policies, measures and legislation relating to business operation, so as to foster the thriving development of local enterprises.

2. Motion as amended by Hon Rock CHEN

That as against the major background of a constantly changing economic environment and increasingly fierce competition, coupled with the fact that Hong Kong is now at the stage of economic transformation, this Council urges the SAR Government to introduce feasible policy measures to support the development of local enterprises and maintain a favourable business environment in Hong Kong, including:

- (1) actively taking forward the task of attracting enterprises and investment, developing the headquarters economy and fostering the development of family offices in Hong Kong, with a view to bringing more new capital and diversified business into Hong Kong and creating a business environment that is favourable to the long-term development of Hong Kong;
- (2) further enhancing the talent policy to attract various types of talents, including international top talents, to Hong Kong for work and settlement, while adopting active measures to retain local talents, so as to provide local enterprises with suitable talents;
- vigorously supporting the sustainable development of small and medium enterprises and assisting them in upgrading and transformation and opening up new business and markets, so that they can adapt to changes in the operation environment; and
- (4) further deepening and fostering cooperation among various bureaux and departments in the Government, and better improving the existing policies, measures and legislation relating to business operation, so as to foster the thriving development of local enterprises; *and*
- (5) under a comprehensive review of the existing policies, legislative framework and monitoring effectiveness, examining any room for removing restrictions, enhancing the vetting and approval process and reducing compliance and operating costs, with a view to helping enterprises achieve higher operational efficiency and improving the business environment.

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

3. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE

That as Hong Kong is now at the stage of economic transformation, this Council urges the SAR Government to introduce feasible policy measures to support the development of local enterprises and maintain a favourable business environment in Hong Kong, including:

(1) actively taking forward the task of attracting enterprises and investment, developing the headquarters economy and fostering the development of family offices in Hong Kong, with a view to bringing more new capital

and diversified business into Hong Kong and creating a business environment that is favourable to the long-term development of Hong Kong;

- (2) further enhancing the talent policy to attract various types of talents, including international top talents, to Hong Kong for work and settlement, while adopting active measures to retain local talents, so as to provide local enterprises with suitable talents;
- vigorously supporting the sustainable development of small and medium enterprises and assisting them in upgrading and transformation and opening up new business and markets, so that they can adapt to changes in the operation environment; and
- (4) strengthening the nurturing of and support for start-up teams in the areas of policies, market support, taxation, etc. to respond to economic transformation and foster the development of new economic industries such as innovation and technology as well as networking; and
- (5) further deepening and fostering cooperation among various bureaux and departments in the Government, and better improving the existing policies, measures and legislation relating to business operation, so as to foster the thriving development of local enterprises.

<u>Note</u>: Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.