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Dr Hon NGAN Man-yu's motion on "Promoting the development of children's healthcare services"

Wording of the Motion

That children are the hope of society, and promoting the development of children's healthcare services can ensure that they receive appropriate care and treatment; in this connection, this Council urges the SAR Government to promote the development of children's healthcare services in Hong Kong, with specific measures including:

- (1) introducing a 'child healthcare voucher' to subsidize children to seek consultation at private healthcare institutions, so as to alleviate the burden of medical expenses on families; and encouraging parents to register their children as users of eHealth;
- (2) studying the extension of the Chronic Disease Co-Care Scheme to paediatrics, with a view to monitoring children's health and growth through public-private partnership in healthcare;
- (3) strengthening public-private partnership in healthcare, including studying the provision of full subsidies for infants and children under the Hong Kong Childhood Immunisation Programme to receive vaccination at private healthcare institutions;
- (4) studying the extension of the scope of persons eligible for medical fee waiver to cover children under the age of 12 from families benefiting from the Working Family Allowance Scheme and the School Textbook Assistance Scheme; and
- (5) expanding the scope of examination of the Student Health Service to include assessment of mental health and intellectual development, etc., so as to provide early intervention treatment and support for children with special needs, and safeguard their physical and psychological health and development.