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**Amendments to Dr Hon Wendy HONG's motion on
“Establishing innovative institutional mechanisms to move full steam
ahead with the development of the Core Area
of the Northern Metropolis”**

The President has given permission for five Members (Hon Louis LOONG, Hon CHAN Yuet-ming, Hon Michael TIEN, Hon LAU Kwok-fan and Ir Hon Gary ZHANG) to move amendments to Dr Hon Wendy HONG's motion. The terms of the original motion and the marked-up version of the amendments (LC Paper No. CB(1)1059/2025(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 Louis LOONG;
 - (ii) Hon CHAN Yuet-ming;
 - (iii) Hon Michael TIEN;
 - (iv) Hon LAU Kwok-fan; and
 - (v) Ir Hon Gary ZHANG;

- (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
“Establishing innovative institutional mechanisms to move full steam ahead with the development of the Core Area of the Northern Metropolis”

1. Dr Hon Wendy HONG’s original motion

That technological development is fast-changing; there is an urgent need to expedite the development of the Northern Metropolis, which is the major space carrier for Hong Kong’s future development into an international innovation and technology centre; given that the land use planning for various local districts in the Northern Metropolis has basically been completed, this Council urges the Government to examine the overall development of the Northern Metropolis, designate the core land parcels and key infrastructure projects which must be accorded priority for development in the first phase (collectively referred to as the ‘Core Area of the Northern Metropolis’), formulate a specific timetable and roadmap for its development, as well as establish the ‘Northern Metropolis Core Area Authority’ as a statutory body wholly owned by the Government, and enact the ‘Northern Metropolis Core Area Authority Ordinance’ to provide for the establishment of specific institutional mechanisms in various areas such as lands, construction, finance, transportation and cross-boundary flow of elements, so as to remove red tape for moving full steam ahead with the development of the Core Area, thereby driving the development of the Northern Metropolis as a whole.

2. Motion as amended by Hon Louis LOONG

~~That technological development is fast-changing~~ *when attending the Chief Executive’s Interactive Exchange Question and Answer Session of the Legislative Council in May this year, the Chief Executive said that he felt a pressing urgency over the development progress of the Northern Metropolis;* there is an urgent need to expedite the development of the Northern Metropolis, which is the major space carrier for Hong Kong’s future development into an international innovation and technology centre; given that the land use planning for various local districts in the Northern Metropolis has basically been completed, this Council urges the Government to ~~examine the overall development of the Northern Metropolis, designate the core land parcels and key infrastructure projects which must be accorded priority for development in the first phase (collectively referred to as the ‘Core Area of the Northern Metropolis’), formulate a specific timetable and roadmap for its development, as well as establish the ‘Northern Metropolis Core Area Authority’ as a statutory body wholly owned by the Government, and enact the ‘Northern Metropolis Core Area Authority Ordinance’ to provide for the establishment of specific institutional mechanisms in various areas such as lands, construction, finance, transportation and cross-boundary flow of elements, so as to remove red tape for moving full steam ahead with the development of the Core Area, thereby driving~~

actively consider establishing a Northern Metropolis investment promotion office to formulate investment promotion strategies, attract global investment and coordinate the relevant policies and resources, so as to move full steam ahead with the development of the Northern Metropolis ~~as a whole~~.

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

3. Motion as amended by Hon CHAN Yuet-ming

That ~~technological development is fast-changing~~ *the Northern Metropolis focuses on the development of innovation and technology ('I&T') and emerging industries*; there is an urgent need to expedite the development of the Northern Metropolis, which is the major space carrier for Hong Kong's future development into an international ~~innovation and technology~~ *I&T* centre; given that the land use planning for various local districts in the Northern Metropolis has basically been completed, this Council urges the Government to examine the overall development of the Northern Metropolis, designate *the San Tin Technopole (including the Hong Kong-Shenzhen I&T Park in the Loop), the Ngau Tam Mei New Development Area, the Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area and the New Territories North New Town* as the core land parcels and key infrastructure projects which must be accorded priority for development in the first phase (collectively referred to as the 'Core Area of the Northern Metropolis'), formulate a specific timetable and roadmap for its development, as well as establish the 'Northern Metropolis Core Area Authority' as a statutory body wholly owned by the Government, and enact the 'Northern Metropolis Core Area Authority Ordinance' to provide for the establishment of specific institutional mechanisms in various areas such as lands, construction, finance, transportation and cross-boundary flow of elements (*including clearance arrangements for personnel*), so as to remove red tape for moving full steam ahead with the development of the Core Area, thereby driving the development of the Northern Metropolis as a whole.

Note: Hon CHAN Yuet-ming's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

4. Motion as amended by Hon Michael TIEN

That *the economic environment changes drastically and* technological development is fast-changing; there is an urgent need to expedite the development of the Northern Metropolis, which is the major space carrier for Hong Kong's future development into an international innovation and technology centre; given that the land use planning for various local districts in the Northern Metropolis has basically been completed, this Council urges the Government to examine the

overall development of the Northern Metropolis, designate the core land parcels and key infrastructure projects which must be accorded priority for development in the first phase (collectively referred to as the ‘Core Area of the Northern Metropolis’), formulate a specific timetable and roadmap for its development, as well as establish the ‘Northern Metropolis Core Area Authority’ as a statutory body wholly owned by the Government, and enact the ‘Northern Metropolis Core Area Authority Ordinance’ to provide for the establishment of specific institutional mechanisms in various areas such as lands, construction, finance, transportation (*including the cross-boundary railway project and the one connecting the Harbour Metropolis mentioned in the brochure of the invitation for expression of interest for the pilot areas of large-scale land disposal*) and cross-boundary flow of elements, so as to remove red tape for moving full steam ahead with the development of the Core Area, thereby driving the development of the Northern Metropolis as a whole.

Note: Hon Michael TIEN’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.

5. Motion as amended by Hon LAU Kwok-fan

That technological development is fast-changing; there is an urgent need to expedite the development of the Northern Metropolis, which is the major space carrier for Hong Kong’s future development into an international innovation and technology centre; given that the land use planning for various local districts in the Northern Metropolis has basically been completed, this Council urges the Government to examine the overall development of the Northern Metropolis, ~~designate~~ *dynamically plan a specific timetable and roadmap for the development of* the core land parcels and key infrastructure projects ~~which must to be accorded priority for development in the first phase (collectively referred to as the ‘Core Area of the Northern Metropolis’), formulate a specific timetable and roadmap for its development~~ *as designated in the Northern Metropolis Action Agenda 2023*, as well as establish the ‘Northern Metropolis Core Area Authority’ as a statutory body wholly owned by the Government, and enact the ‘Northern Metropolis Core Area Authority Ordinance’ to provide for the establishment of specific institutional mechanisms in various areas such as lands, construction, finance, transportation and cross-boundary flow of elements, so as to remove red tape for ~~moving full steam ahead with the development of the Core Area, thereby driving the~~ *rapid* development of the Northern Metropolis ~~as a whole~~.

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

6. Motion as amended by Ir Hon Gary ZHANG

That technological development is fast-changing; there is an urgent need to expedite the development of the Northern Metropolis, which is the major space carrier for Hong Kong's future development into an international innovation and technology centre; given that the land use planning for various local districts in the Northern Metropolis has basically been completed, this Council urges the Government to examine the overall development of the Northern Metropolis, designate the core land parcels and key infrastructure projects which must be accorded priority for development in the first phase (collectively referred to as the 'Core Area of the Northern Metropolis'), formulate a specific timetable and roadmap for its development, ~~as well as establish~~ ***and, on the premise of not changing the delivery models of existing government services in home affairs, policing, firefighting, etc., promote institutional innovation by, for example, establishing*** the 'Northern Metropolis Core Area Authority' as a statutory body wholly owned by the Government, and ~~enact~~ ***enacting*** the 'Northern Metropolis Core Area Authority Ordinance' ~~to provide for the establishment of specific institutional mechanisms in various areas such as lands, construction, finance, transportation and cross boundary flow of elements,~~ ***to consolidate and devolve economic management authority in respect of industry planning, attracting business, investment and financing, urban planning and infrastructure, land development, project vetting and approval, etc. in the Core Area of the Northern Metropolis,*** so as to remove red tape for moving full steam ahead with the development of the Core Area, thereby driving the development of the Northern Metropolis as a whole.

Note: Ir Hon Gary ZHANG's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.