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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Amendments to Hon LAU Kwok-fan's motion on
“Dynamically planning and consolidating the site to expedite the
development of the Northern Metropolis University Town”**

The President has given permission for Hon CHAN Yuet-ming and Prof Hon CHOW Man-kong to move amendments to Hon LAU Kwok-fan's motion. The terms of the original motion and the marked-up version of the amendments (LC Paper No. CB(1)1135/2025(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 CHAN Yuet-ming; and
 - (ii) Prof Hon CHOW Man-kong;
- (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
“Dynamically planning and consolidating the site to expedite the
development of the Northern Metropolis University Town”**

1. Hon LAU Kwok-fan’s original motion

That in order to seize the opportunities to build Hong Kong into an international education hub and establish the ‘Study in Hong Kong’ brand, local institutions are in dire need of expanding their campuses and providing additional supporting facilities; the Government has reserved three sites in the Northern Metropolis for the development of the Northern Metropolis University Town (‘NMUT’), including about 46 hectares in Ngau Tam Mei New Development Area, about 40 hectares in New Territories North New Town and about 5 hectares in Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area (‘HSK/HT NDA’); given that the site in HSK/HT NDA is at a more advanced stage of development and the progress of its infrastructure development is ahead of others, this Council urges the Government to give priority to the implementation of the NMUT project at that site and increase the area reserved for educational use there by consolidating and rezoning surrounding sites; at the same time, the Government should also launch expression of interest (‘EOI’) exercises for NMUT development at the three sites to invite local and non-local universities or educational institutions to submit EOIs, and optimize ancillary facilities for living and surrounding infrastructures of NMUT under the core concept of ‘Education, Research, Industry and Residence’ so as to nurture high-calibre talents and strengthen Hong Kong’s attractiveness and competitiveness as an international education hub.

2. Motion as amended by Hon CHAN Yuet-ming

That *Hong Kong boasts a number of the world’s top 100 universities and is an international hub for exchange and collaboration among high-calibre talents*; in order to seize the opportunities to build Hong Kong into an international education hub and establish the ‘Study in Hong Kong’ brand, local institutions are in dire need of expanding their campuses and providing additional supporting facilities; the Government has reserved three sites in the Northern Metropolis for the development of the Northern Metropolis University Town (‘NMUT’), including about 46 hectares in Ngau Tam Mei New Development Area, about 40 hectares in New Territories North New Town (‘NTN NT’) and about 5 hectares in Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area (‘HSK/HT NDA’); given that the site in HSK/HT NDA is at a more advanced stage of development and the progress of its infrastructure development is ahead of others, this Council urges the Government to give priority to the implementation of the NMUT project at that site and increase the area reserved for educational use there by consolidating and rezoning surrounding sites; *this Council also urges the*

Government to explore the synergistic development of NMUT with industry land in the neighbourhood (such as the land designated for the development of emerging industries and the gateway economy in NTN NT) when making dynamic planning for the NMUT sites; at the same time, the Government should also launch expression of interest ('EOI') exercises for NMUT development at the three sites to invite local and non-local universities or educational institutions to submit EOIs, and optimize ancillary facilities for living and surrounding infrastructures of NMUT under the core concept of 'Education, Research, Industry and Residence' so as to nurture high-calibre talents and strengthen Hong Kong's attractiveness and competitiveness as an international education hub.

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

3. Motion as amended by Prof Hon CHOW Man-kong

That *since the Chief Executive proposed in the 2023 Policy Address to build Hong Kong into an international hub for post-secondary education, the number of non-local students in local post-secondary institutions has nearly doubled over the past two years, reflecting the growing demand from overseas and Mainland students for Hong Kong's high-end education and ancillary services, and showing that the policy caters for Hong Kong's development needs;* in order to seize the *development* opportunities ~~to build for different industries arising from the process of building~~ Hong Kong into an international education hub and ~~establish~~ *establishing* the 'Study in Hong Kong' brand, *coupled with the growing incentives of international students, academics as well as research and development ('R&D') personnel to pursue studies and development in Hong Kong,* local institutions are in dire need of expanding their campuses and providing additional supporting facilities; the Government has reserved three sites in the Northern Metropolis for the development of the Northern Metropolis University Town ('NMUT'), including about 46 hectares in Ngau Tam Mei New Development Area, about 40 hectares in New Territories North New Town and about 5 hectares in Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area ('HSK/HT NDA'); given that the site in HSK/HT NDA is at a more advanced stage of development and the progress of its infrastructure development is ahead of others, this Council urges the Government to ~~give priority to the implementation of~~ *expeditiously implement* the NMUT project at that site and increase the area reserved for educational use *and promoting commercialization of R&D outcomes* there by consolidating and rezoning surrounding sites; at the same time, the Government should also ~~launch expression of interest ('EOI') exercises for NMUT development at the three sites to invite local and non-local universities or educational institutions to submit EOIs,~~ *expressions of interest to expeditiously promote the joint establishment of branch campuses or graduate schools by local and non-local world-class universities,* and optimize ancillary facilities for living and surrounding

infrastructures of NMUT under the core concept of ‘Education, Research, Industry and Residence’ ~~so as to nurture high-calibre talents and;~~ ***this Council also urges the Government in collaboration with various universities and scientific research institutions to expeditiously introduce a series of measures on attracting high-calibre talents to Hong Kong and nurturing local high-calibre talents so as to*** strengthen Hong Kong’s attractiveness and competitiveness as an international education hub.

Note: Prof Hon CHOW Man-kwong’s amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.