

(Translation)

Council meeting of 5 May 2021

**Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan's motion on
"Seizing the opportunities to improve governance"**

Wording of the Motion

That Hong Kong's long-standing deep-rooted conflicts have remained unresolved, coupled with the blow of the riots and the epidemic, people's livelihood has been hit and the economy weakened, leaving Hong Kong's future full of challenges; while at the same time, the global setting is complicated and volatile, and is beset with crises; however, after the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress has enacted for Hong Kong the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and promulgated the Decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on Issues Relating to the Qualification of the Members of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the forces causing disorder in Hong Kong have been restrained and riots have also been reduced, thereby restoring the rule of law and social order and bringing the operation of the Legislative Council back to normal; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to seize the opportunities under Hong Kong's new political situation to seek changes proactively, implement administrative reforms and enhance the efficiency of governance, so as to lead Hong Kong in overcoming the epidemic and boosting economic recovery, and at the same time resolving various deep-rooted conflicts and improving people's livelihood; the relevant proposals include:

- (1) rebuilding the relationship between the Executive and the Legislature under the executive-led system, and requiring officials to pay high regard to the Legislature's monitoring function and its function in raising questions, and to attach great importance to the role of the Legislature as the representatives of the public and of the industries;
- (2) improving the division of work and functions among various Secretaries' Offices and Bureaux under the accountability system, and strengthening the capabilities of politically accountable officials in leading and supervising the civil service;

- (3) enhancing the capabilities of the Government in explaining and publicizing policies, answering queries and refuting rumours;
- (4) streamlining various administrative procedures and implementing service reforms, so as to meet the practical needs of social development and public expectations;
- (5) breaking the civil service's culture of procrastination and evasion of responsibilities; and
- (6) reforming district administration.