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**Amendments to motion on
“Stimulating internal demand and opening up new visitor sources”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 50/17-18 issued on 19 October 2017, seven Members (Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki, Hon Jeffrey LAM, Hon YIU Si-wing, Hon Michael TIEN, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, Hon WU Chi-wai and Hon LAM Cheuk-ting) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon SHIU Ka-fai’s motion on “Stimulating internal demand and opening up new visitor sources”. Members have been informed vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 86/17-18 issued on 27 October 2017 that the above motion, scheduled for the Council meeting of 15 November 2017, will be rescheduled to the Council meeting of 22 November 2017. As directed by the President, the respective amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and the seven amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and the amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Hon SHIU Ka-fai to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon SHIU Ka-fai’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the seven Members who wish to move amendments to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki;

- (ii) Hon Jeffrey LAM;
 - (iii) Hon YIU Si-wing;
 - (iv) Hon Michael TIEN;
 - (v) Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan;
 - (vi) Hon WU Chi-wai; and
 - (vii) Hon LAM Cheuk-ting;
- (d) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak;
 - (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
 - (f) the President gives leave to Hon SHIU Ka-fai to speak for the second time on the amendments;
 - (g) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak again;
 - (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the seven Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki's amendment;
 - (i) after Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other six amendments; and
 - (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon SHIU Ka-fai to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon SHIU Ka-fai's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' reference, the terms of the original motion and the marked-up version of the amendments are set out in the **Appendix**.

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Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Stimulating internal demand and opening up new visitor sources”
to be held at the Council meeting of 22 November 2017**

1. Hon SHIU Ka-fai’s original motion

That, given the Government’s ample fiscal reserves and fiscal stability, this Council urges the Government to make good use of this favourable state of public finance for launching more measures to improve people’s livelihood, so as to return wealth to people and stimulate internal demand; the Government should at the same time expedite the provision of additional tourism supporting facilities to upgrade Hong Kong’s visitor receiving capability and capacity, and alleviate the inconvenience caused by visitors to members of the public through better diversion, so as to open up new visitor sources for the benefit of the tourism, retail, catering and transport sectors, etc. and the overall economy of Hong Kong.

2. Motion as amended by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

That, *the Government has recorded high surplus year after year, with the 2016-2017 financial year, for example, recording over \$100 billion in government surplus and more than \$900 billion in fiscal reserves*; given the Government’s ample fiscal reserves and fiscal stability, this Council urges the Government to make good use of this favourable state of public finance for launching more measures to improve people’s livelihood, ~~so as to return~~ *including striving to alleviate the impact on people’s livelihood arising from the abnormal expansion of retail luxury goods businesses such as jewellery and goldsmith shops, cosmetics shops and pharmacies in various districts (especially in Yuen Long, Tuen Mun, Sheung Shui, Tsuen Wan, To Kwa Wan, Hung Hom and so on) geared to some tourists’ needs in the past, so as to bring forth the return of the people-based spirit to local communities in Hong Kong, with a view to returning* wealth to people and stimulate *stimulating* internal demand; the Government should at the same time expedite the provision of additional tourism supporting facilities to upgrade Hong Kong’s visitor receiving capability and capacity, ~~and~~; alleviate the inconvenience caused by visitors to members of the public through better diversion, so as to ~~open up~~ *attract visitors having different nationalities and spending patterns to Hong Kong, thereby opening up* new visitor sources ~~for the benefit of~~ *and preventing visitor sources from becoming homogeneous*;

and formulate measures to promote Hong Kong's diversified tourism resources, with a view to benefiting the tourism, retail, catering and transport sectors, etc. and the overall economy of Hong Kong.

Note: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon Jeffrey LAM

That, *Hong Kong's tourism industry has shown signs of recovery in 2017 and recorded a year-on-year increase in total retail sales for months in a row, but market conditions are still full of challenges*; given the Government's ample fiscal reserves and fiscal stability, this Council urges the Government to make good use of this favourable state of public finance for launching more measures to improve people's livelihood, so as to return wealth to people and stimulate internal demand; the Government should at the same time expedite *the allocation of resources for* the provision of additional tourism supporting facilities to upgrade Hong Kong's visitor receiving capability and capacity, and ~~alleviate the inconvenience caused by visitors to members of the public through better diversion so as to~~ *make better policy arrangements to appropriately* open up new visitor sources ~~for the benefit of~~ *and consolidate Hong Kong's image as a hospitable city, with a view to benefiting* the tourism, retail, catering and transport sectors, etc. and the overall economy of Hong Kong; *specific measures to open up new visitor sources include:*

- (1) *enhancing the 'Individual Visit Scheme' policy for mainlanders intending to visit Hong Kong by allowing Mainland e Passport holders to apply online for endorsement to visit Hong Kong, so as to facilitate the entry of visitors;*
- (2) *introducing more measures to encourage visitors to use Hong Kong as the embarking and disembarking port in their cruise tours, and allocating more resources to the Hong Kong Tourism Board for jointly developing more 'multi-destination' tourism products with neighbouring countries and regions;*
- (3) *proactively holding discussions with Guangdong and Macau on implementing an arrangement for Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao sailing by pleasure vessels, so as to promote the development of pleasure vessel tourism industry;*
- (4) *through implementing the co-location arrangement at the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and grasping the opportunities brought by the completion of the Hong*

Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge in the future, adopting focused strategies to attract more visitors to Hong Kong for tours and consumption, so as to boost economic growth and improve people's livelihood;

- (5) *further increasing resources for preserving and promoting Hong Kong's traditional culture, revitalizing remote villages by removing the restrictions imposed by policies and regulations, and proactively exploring eco-tourism resources in rural areas, with a view to achieving diversification in tourism products, and*
- (6) *continuously improving local facilities of the tourism industry and the convention and exhibition industries, so as to attract more overseas visitors with potential from emerging markets to Hong Kong.*

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

4. Motion as amended by Hon YIU Si-wing

That, ~~given~~ *with* the Government's ample fiscal reserves and fiscal stability, this Council *therefore* urges the Government to make good use of this favourable state of public finance for launching more measures to improve people's livelihood, so as to return wealth to people and stimulate internal demand; the Government should at the same time expedite the provision of additional tourism supporting facilities *as per the Development Blueprint for Hong Kong's Tourism Industry released by the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau in October 2017* to upgrade Hong Kong's visitor receiving capability and capacity, and alleviate the inconvenience caused by visitors to members of the public through better diversion, so as to open up new visitor sources for the benefit of the tourism, retail, catering and transport sectors, etc. and the overall economy of Hong Kong.

Note: Hon YIU Si-wing's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

5. Motion as amended by Hon Michael TIEN

That, ~~given~~ *with* the Government's ample fiscal reserves and fiscal stability, this Council *therefore* urges the Government to make good use of this favourable state of public finance for launching more measures to improve people's livelihood, so as to return wealth to people and stimulate internal demand; the Government should at the same time expedite the provision of additional tourism supporting facilities, *including but not limited to studying the*

development of underground space, or local cultural and creative parks, or multi-purpose venues for holding road events, in order to upgrade Hong Kong's visitor receiving capability and capacity, and alleviate the inconvenience caused by visitors to members of the public through better diversion, so as to open up new visitor sources for the benefit of the tourism, retail, catering and transport sectors, etc. and the overall economy of Hong Kong.

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

6. Motion as amended by Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan

That, given the Government's *current* ample fiscal reserves and fiscal stability, this Council *therefore* urges the Government to make good use of this favourable state of public finance for launching more measures to improve people's livelihood, *including relieving the tax burden on the middle class*, so as to return wealth to people and stimulate internal demand; the Government should at the same time *allocate resources for expeditiously introducing eco-tourism and other new projects of thematic tourism on a pilot basis*, expedite the provision of additional *tourist attractions and* tourism supporting facilities to upgrade Hong Kong's visitor receiving capability and capacity, and alleviate the inconvenience caused by visitors to members of the public through better diversion, *with special emphasis on resolving the long-standing traffic congestion and street hygiene problems faced by areas such as To Kwa Wan and Hung Hom arising from the presence of large number of tourists; the Government must also effectively clamp down on and severely penalize those engaged in unscrupulous operation practices such as coerced shopping resulting from 'zero/negative-fare' or 'low-fare' tours, and take forward a courtesy campaign to encourage tour guides to receive value-added training, so as to enhance the overall service quality of Hong Kong's tourism industry; moreover, the Government should comprehensively promote the development of a smart tourism city with an out-of-the-box mindset, enhance regional co-operation within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area to pragmatically drive the development of 'multi-destination' tourism products, and develop markets such as those in ASEAN and Belt and Road countries*, so as to open up new visitor sources for the benefit of the tourism, retail, catering and transport sectors, etc. and the overall economy of Hong Kong.

Note: Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.

7. Motion as amended by Hon WU Chi-wai

That, ~~given the Government's~~ *the Government possesses* ample fiscal reserves and fiscal stability, *and in recent years the Government has even recorded huge fiscal surplus year after year; in this connection,* this Council urges the Government to make good use of this favourable state of public finance for launching more measures to improve people's livelihood, *including making good use of the fiscal surplus in excess of its original estimate every year and allocating in various ways the extra surpluses to projects which have not been implemented or enhanced for years due to a lack of financial resources,* so as to return wealth to people and stimulate internal demand; the Government should at the same time expedite the provision of additional tourism supporting facilities to upgrade Hong Kong's visitor receiving capability and capacity, and alleviate the inconvenience caused by visitors to members of the public through better diversion, so as to open up new visitor sources for the benefit of the tourism, retail, catering and transport sectors, etc. and the overall economy of Hong Kong.

Note: Hon WU Chi-wai's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

8. Motion as amended by Hon LAM Cheuk-ting

That, ~~given the Government's~~ *the Government possesses* ample fiscal reserves and fiscal stability, *and in recent years, the Government has even recorded huge fiscal surplus year after year; in this connection,* this Council urges the Government to make good use of this favourable state of public finance for launching more measures to improve people's livelihood, so as to return wealth to people and stimulate internal demand; the Government should at the same time expedite the provision of additional tourism supporting facilities to upgrade Hong Kong's visitor receiving capability and capacity, ~~and alleviate the inconvenience caused by visitors to members of the public through better diversion,~~ so as to open up new visitor sources for the benefit of the tourism, retail, catering and transport sectors, etc. and the overall *society and* economy of Hong Kong; *in order to open up new visitor sources, the Government should also strive to clamp down on parallel traders, so as to reduce their impact on visitors; specific measures include:*

- (1) *freezing the number of the Individual Visit Scheme cities to control the entry of parallel traders into Hong Kong in the name of the Individual Visit Scheme, thereby enhancing Hong Kong's capability of receiving genuine visitors, and opening up visitor sources from different places and of different types;*

- (2) *reviewing the ‘one trip per week’ policy for the purpose of considering the replacement of ‘one trip per week’ by ‘eight trips per year’, and imposing an entry limit of ‘one trip per day’ for persons entering Hong Kong (excluding persons with special needs such as those with endorsement for business visit, cross-boundary students and their parents), so as to clamp down on parallel traders and thus spare capability and capacity for receiving genuine visitors;*
- (3) *levying a land arrival tax of \$20 to \$50 on each person entering Hong Kong (excluding local residents, cross-boundary students and their parents, and so on), so as to minimize the impact of parallel traders on genuine visitors;*
- (4) *regarding the carrying of bulky luggage by some parallel traders travelling on public transport, the organizations concerned should strictly enforce the regulations on passenger luggage on public transport, including conducting a study on levying a cross boundary luggage surcharge on parallel traders travelling on the East Rail Line of the Mass Transit Railway, implementing the ‘separation of passenger transport and cargo transport’ on the East Rail Line, and requiring parallel traders carrying bulky luggage on the East Rail Line to use designated train compartments only, so as to reduce the nuisance caused to visitors;*
- (5) *exploring the identification of sites at various boundary control points for constructing shopping malls to divert visitors, so as to reduce the nuisance caused by parallel traders to local communities and tourist hotspots, thereby attracting more visitors to Hong Kong; and*
- (6) *retaining the restriction on powdered formula to prevent parallel trading activities from causing nuisance in various districts and deterring visitors.*

Note: Hon LAM Cheuk-ting’s amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.