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**Rescheduling of the motion debate on the Policy Address  
originally scheduled for the Council meeting  
on 13, 14 and 15 November 2019**

Members were informed vide LC Paper Nos. CB(3) 2/19-20 and CB(3) 42/19-20 issued on 4 and 18 October 2019 respectively that a three-day Council meeting was scheduled for 13, 14 and 15 November 2019 for debating the Motion of Thanks (i.e. motion debate on the Policy Address). **The President has decided that the debate be rescheduled as explained below.**

2. Under Article 73(4), the Legislative Council has the power and function to debate the Policy Address. Under Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure, the debate on the Chief Executive's Policy Address is triggered by the moving of a Motion of Thanks at a specified Council meeting. It is an agreed arrangement that after the Chief Executive has presented the Policy Address, the Motion of Thanks will be moved by the chairman of the House Committee ("HC"). As a standard practice, HC will be consulted on the debate arrangements including the Administration's proposed grouping of policy areas for debating the Policy Address. The HC chairman will give notice of the Motion of Thanks only after HC has endorsed such proposed grouping of policy areas and the time limits for Members and public officers to speak on the Motion of Thanks.

3. As the elections of the chairman and deputy chairman of HC for the 2019-2020 session have not yet completed, HC would not be in a position to transact business that requires its decision, including endorsing the above proposed grouping of policy areas for debating the Policy Address. As such, the President has decided that:

- (a) the motion debate on the Policy Address originally scheduled to be held at the Council meeting on 13, 14 and 15 November 2019 will be **rescheduled to a later date** to be determined after the chairman and deputy chairman of HC for the 2019-2020 session are elected; and
- (b) the Council meeting scheduled for 13, 14 and 15 November 2019 will be **reverted to a two-day regular Council meeting** to be held on 13 and 14 November 2019. Ordinary business, including oral questions and bills, will be transacted at this regular meeting.

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