

(Translation)

**Hon Edward LEUNG's motion on
"Shortening the waiting time for
specialist outpatient services at public hospitals"**

Wording of the Motion

That at present, the waiting time for specialist outpatient services at public hospitals is excessively long, and the waiting time for some stable new case bookings even spans years, resulting in many patients being unable to receive proper treatment before their clinical conditions deteriorate; in this connection, this Council urges the authorities to actively optimize the use of private healthcare resources to triage and take care of patients seeking specialist outpatient services at public hospitals, including expanding the scope of medical Public-Private Partnership programmes to cover more specialty diseases; this Council also urges the authorities to set targets on the median waiting time of stable new case booking for specialist outpatient services at public hospitals, and progressively shorten the waiting time for such new case bookings.