

(Translation)

**Hon WONG Kwok-kin's motion on
"Increasing land supply on all fronts"**

Wording of the Motion

That the prolonged shortage of land supply in Hong Kong not only fails to satisfy people's enormous demand for housing but also hinders the development of various industries; given that land shortage has become the biggest obstacle to Hong Kong's development, this Council requests the Government to exhaust all means to increase the short-, medium- and long-term land supply on all fronts and expedite the land development and planning procedures, thereby increasing the housing supply and speeding up industries' development; specific measures include:

- (1) expeditiously taking forward the project of artificial islands in the Central Waters, and reviewing the scope of application of the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance to increase suitable sites for near-shore reclamation;
- (2) developing sites with relatively low ecological value on the periphery of country parks for housing construction to alleviate the housing demand;
- (3) expediting the development of the land of the former Frontier Closed Area for developing new towns and new industries;
- (4) proactively invoking the Lands Resumption Ordinance to resume land for public housing construction and introducing an idle land tax, so as to fully utilize land resources;
- (5) improving the existing rehousing and compensation policies for land resumption, streamlining the lengthy process of land use study and planning by government departments, and reviewing the Town Planning Ordinance, so as to shorten the time for land rezoning and planning;
- (6) unleashing the potential of land by raising the highest development density of land in the New Territories, and establishing a development principle prioritizing infrastructure and ancillary community facilities to take forward the development of strategic traffic and transport infrastructure, thereby increasing the carrying capacities of the communities and the land available for development;

- (7) conducting studies on the relocation of large-scale facilities, such as the Fanling Golf Course and the Kwai Chung Container Terminals, so as to vacate a vast amount of land for housing construction and development; and
- (8) striking a balance between land development and ecological conservation, including adding the requirement for developers to undertake conservation responsibilities in the land sale conditions, in order to reduce disputes arising from land development, thereby accelerating the land creation process.