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Dr Hon Kennedy WONG's motion on "Promoting data interchange in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and developing cross-border e-commerce"

Wording of the Motion

That digital economy has become one of the key drivers for global economic growth, with cross-border e-commerce being one of its major areas; in recent years, the State Ministry of Commerce has actively promoted the sustained healthy and innovative development of cross-border e-commerce, and established cross-border e-commerce comprehensive pilot zones in the nine Mainland cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area ('GBA'); the State Ministry of Commerce will support the early and pilot establishment of cross-border e-commerce comprehensive pilot zones in the Hong Kong and Macao SARs, and explore a new mode of trade between the GBA Mainland cities and the Hong Kong and Macao SARs to create an industry chain and ecosystem for cross-border e-commerce, with a view to fostering high-quality trade development in GBA; in this connection, this Council urges the SAR Government to set up a statutory body for 'Digital Hong Kong' and formulate feasible measures, coupled with the relevant policies, to build a big data platform in Hong Kong; to categorize 5G mobile network base stations as social infrastructure, take the initiative to coordinate mobile communications service providers, and set up matching investment funds, in a bid to expedite the development progress of 5G mobile network; and to conduct studies on connecting the Hong Kong network and the GBA Mainland network to advance the interface between Hong Kong and 'Digital Guangdong' or even the future 'Digital China', promote data interchange and develop cross-border e-commerce, with a view to exploring new areas of economic growth.