

(Translation)

**Hon LUK Chung-hung's motion on
“Importing electricity from the Mainland to stabilize electricity tariffs in
Hong Kong”**

Wording of the Motion

That in recent years, electricity tariffs have been surging continuously, with the two power companies earning the maximum permitted return of 8%, aggravating the already heavy burden on people's livelihood and the costs of doing business; in this connection, this Council considers that the Government should open up the electricity market progressively and increase the ratio of electricity imported from the Mainland, so as to reduce the two power companies' investments on fixed assets and achieve stabilization of electricity tariffs; in the medium and long term, the Government should review the Scheme of Control Agreements, including lowering the permitted return of the two power companies to alleviate the pressure of tariff increase; reviewing the Customer Performance Incentive/Penalty Mechanism and the monthly Fuel Clause Charge adjustment mechanism to reflect the corporate social responsibilities of the two power companies; and urging the two power companies to disclose their operational and financial information to the public, including the maintenance costs and depreciation of their generating units, the prices of bulk energy purchases, the interest costs of lending and financing and related information, so as to enhance the public's right to know and the transparency of their operations, thereby earnestly addressing people's concerns and difficulties in daily life and dismantling the barriers of vested interests.