(Translation)

Hon CHAU Siu-chung's motion on "Promoting the unleashing of potential labour force"

Wording of the Motion

That as Hong Kong has faced the challenge of a persistent decrease in labour force and labour force participation rate in recent years, this Council urges the Government to, under the premise of ensuring local workers' priority in employment, formulate macroscopic and long-term labour policies to actively identify and unleash potential labour force, including removing the barriers to work for various groups, such as women, the elderly and middle-aged, ethnic minorities, new arrivals and persons with disabilities; and enhancing targeted employment support and retraining services to assist the non-working population to rejoin the labour market, so as to ensure persistent and stable supply of labour force in Hong Kong, and improve the local labour force from quantity to quality, with a view to providing more impetus to boost Hong Kong's competitiveness and economic growth.