

(Translation)

**Hon Dennis LEUNG's motion on
“Developing local vocational and professional education and training”**

Wording of the Motion

That the Chief Executive proposed in the 2023 Policy Address to expand the vocational talent pool, and actively support vocational training to nurture local talents by enhancing capacity-building and value-addition, and offering them with a clear pathway for progression; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to, under the principle of safeguarding the employment priority for local workers, more actively develop local vocational and professional education and training (‘VPET’), so as to enhance the status of VPET and nurture local talent at various levels; specific measures include:

- (1) clearly defining the direction of industry development in the new industrialization and assessing the demand for technical personnel at various levels in related industries, with a view to formulating a more comprehensive approach to the development of vocational education for various industries;
- (2) providing an environment that is well articulated with vocational education, integrating the youth employment programmes under various departments and streamlining the application procedures of relevant programmes, and increasing the number of places of various types of apprenticeship schemes;
- (3) ensuring the division of labour between universities of applied sciences and academic research-based universities in talent training, and formulating long-term development plans and policies for universities of applied sciences;
- (4) implementing vocational skills level examinations and establishing qualification level certification for industry practitioners to develop continuing education programmes and career progression standards for VPET talents and establish the uniqueness of VPET development;
- (5) changing the current situation of VPET being articulation-oriented and strengthening the exploration and planning of vocational education in the junior secondary curriculum;

- (6) improving the curriculum contents and objectives of Applied Learning ('ApL') subjects, including increasing the number of ApL subjects based on vocational orientation elements, increasing the practicum hours of ApL subjects, and strengthening the link between ApL subjects and career development; and
- (7) promoting the development of the Corporate Tech Academy Network and strengthening the cooperation between the Government and corporate academies, so as to formulate more superior and comprehensive vocational and professional training courses and programmes and further improve the quality of corporate academies.