

(Translation)

**Hon MA Fung-kwok's motion on
“Keeping pace with the times and updating cultural policy”**

Wording of the Motion

That the SAR Government established the Culture and Heritage Commission in April 2000 to formulate a cultural policy; the Commission published the Culture and Heritage Commission Policy Recommendation Report in March 2003, which established for the first time the basic principles and goals of the policy; with the changes in the social environment and technological development over the past two decades or so, as well as the successive commissioning of major cultural and recreational facilities, the cultural policy must keep pace with the times; in this connection, this Council urges the SAR Government to update the cultural policy in a timely manner and optimize specific measures on venue space, subvention system, industry development, cultural exchange, technology application, protection of intellectual property rights, arts education and talent training, etc., in order to create a more vibrant ecosystem for cultural and creative industries and cultural sectors to enhance economic efficiency; meet Hong Kong citizens' aspirations for cultural life; better integrate into the overall development of the country; promote Chinese culture and continue to leverage our role as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange so as to contribute to the enhancement of cultural confidence and cultural soft power; build a harmonious society; and tell the stories of China and Hong Kong well.