

(Translation)

**Hon LAU Kwok-fan's motion on
“Dynamically planning and consolidating the site to expedite the
development of the Northern Metropolis University Town”**

Wording of the Motion

That in order to seize the opportunities to build Hong Kong into an international education hub and establish the ‘Study in Hong Kong’ brand, local institutions are in dire need of expanding their campuses and providing additional supporting facilities; the Government has reserved three sites in the Northern Metropolis for the development of the Northern Metropolis University Town (‘NMUT’), including about 46 hectares in Ngau Tam Mei New Development Area, about 40 hectares in New Territories North New Town and about 5 hectares in Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area (‘HSK/HT NDA’); given that the site in HSK/HT NDA is at a more advanced stage of development and the progress of its infrastructure development is ahead of others, this Council urges the Government to give priority to the implementation of the NMUT project at that site and increase the area reserved for educational use there by consolidating and rezoning surrounding sites; at the same time, the Government should also launch expression of interest (‘EOI’) exercises for NMUT development at the three sites to invite local and non-local universities or educational institutions to submit EOIs, and optimize ancillary facilities for living and surrounding infrastructures of NMUT under the core concept of ‘Education, Research, Industry and Residence’ so as to nurture high-calibre talents and strengthen Hong Kong’s attractiveness and competitiveness as an international education hub.