

(Translation)

**Hon Nick CHAN's motion on  
“Holistically reviewing and enhancing legislation  
relating to child protection”**

**Wording of the Motion**

That at present, there are many pieces of legislation in Hong Kong that protect children from different kinds of harm, including the Employment of Children Regulations (Cap. 57B), the Marriage Ordinance (Cap. 181), the Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 200), the Offences against the Person Ordinance (Cap. 212), the Protection of Children and Juveniles Ordinance (Cap. 213), the Prevention of Child Pornography Ordinance (Cap. 579), and the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance (Cap. 650) which came into effect on 20 January this year; however, the rising number of child neglect and abuse cases in recent years has raised concerns over the effectiveness of the relevant legislation and the need for enhancing the deterrent effect; furthermore, the trauma inflicted on children by mental, psychological and emotional abuse is often more severe and has more far-reaching consequences than physical harm, and such abuse also poses difficulties in detection, prosecution and conviction; with the popularity of mobile phones and social media, the proliferation of online pornographic material and the abuse of artificial intelligence deepfake technology, the chance of children's exposure to obscene material has increased significantly, thus creating opportunities for perpetrators to lure children into immoral acts; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to further strengthen child protection and to holistically review and enhance all legislation relating to child protection.