

(Translation)

**Hon Jonathan LEUNG's motion on
"Promoting 'tourism + catering'"**

Wording of the Motion

That the tourism industry is one of the important economic pillars of Hong Kong, while the catering industry also forms an indispensable part of the tourism experience; Hong Kong, as a melting pot of Chinese and Western food cultures, boasts a unique culinary appeal and possesses the advantages to establish itself as an International Culinary Hub; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to adopt 'tourism + catering' as a core strategy to proactively promote gourmet food as an attraction of Hong Kong, and to establish a dedicated department to coordinate and promote the overall development of the catering industry, including stepping up efforts to assist the industry in digitalization and automation to achieve upgrading and transformation, further streamlining the application and renewal procedures for food business licences and liquor licences, promoting Halal-certified restaurants to attract high-end Muslim visitors, and improving the supply chain for fresh provisions, thereby promoting the development of the catering industry, further consolidating and enhancing Hong Kong's status as an International Culinary Hub, as well as driving the sustainable development of the tourism industry.