

(Translation)

**Hon Andrew FAN's motion on
“Advancing the development of marine economy in Hong Kong”**

Wording of the Motion

That the Outline of the National 15th Five-Year Plan stipulates advancing high-quality development of the marine economy, increasing the capacity for sea management and stepping up efforts to build China into a strong maritime country; the SAR Government should fully utilize Hong Kong's coastal resources and ecological environment, its sophisticated maritime network, as well as its free port policy, and leverage the unique advantage of 'enjoying the strong support of the motherland and being closely connected to the world' under 'one country, two systems' to systematically plan and advance the development of the marine economy; in order to support the SAR Government in formulating Hong Kong's first five-year plan and to comprehensively advance Hong Kong's development into a strong maritime port, this Council urges the SAR Government to incorporate the following proposals into Hong Kong's five-year plan, including formulating a blueprint on the sustainable development of the marine economy for the planning of various marine economy-related policies and matters pertaining to the upgrading of the shipping industry; guiding research institutes and innovative enterprises to proactively engage in the research and development of marine technology for the development of emerging industries such as marine biomedicine; as well as strengthening the transport connections and network of the outlying islands and enhancing relevant ancillary facilities for marine tourism.