

(Translation)

**Hon TAM Chun-kwok's motion on
“Accelerating the planning and establishment of
the New Territories North hospital cluster and
promoting healthcare development in New Territories North”**

Wording of the Motion

That in order to support the Government in formulating the first five-year plan and respond to the requirements in the Outline of the National 15th Five-Year Plan to accelerate the development of the Northern Metropolis ('NM'), this Council urges the Government, in response to the rapid population growth in NM, to accelerate the planning and establishment of the New Territories North ('NTN') hospital cluster covering North District, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai, so as to increase healthcare resources in NTN, improve specialist services, shorten waiting times, enhance primary healthcare coverage, and, by integrating life technology and medical education, build the NTN hospital cluster into a modern healthcare system that is people-oriented, healthcare-first and innovation-driven; specific measures include:

- (1) incorporating North District Hospital, Tin Shui Wai Hospital, Pok Oi Hospital, and Hung Shui Kiu Hospital and the flagship hospital in Ngau Tam Mei under planning into the NTN hospital cluster, and establishing a unified management structure to coordinate the allocation of beds, manpower and specialities;
- (2) accelerating the construction of the flagship hospital in Ngau Tam Mei, and setting clear timetables for the expansion of Tin Shui Wai Hospital and the completion of Hung Shui Kiu Hospital;
- (3) increasing healthcare resources in NTN, including increasing bed capacity, manpower and primary healthcare services, and stepping up the implementation of the family doctor regime and the Chronic Disease Co-Care Scheme;
- (4) strengthening the NTN community healthcare network, including expanding the services of health centers, evening clinics and mobile clinics, to cater for residents in remote areas;
- (5) making good use of the site reserved for healthcare facilities at Kwu Tung North by exploring its use for supporting healthcare or social welfare

facilities, or considering the development of a public-private partnership hospital to relieve pressure on the public healthcare system;

- (6) pressing ahead with the construction of a private hospital in San Tin, and attracting investment from global medical institutions, to provide NTN residents with diversified choices; and
- (7) integrating the NTN hospital cluster with regional development, making good use of the San Tin Technopole and the Loop to develop the life and health technology industries, and, in conjunction with the third medical school, developing a base for clinical teaching and scientific research.