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Prof Hon Alex FAN's motion on
"Deepening the development of an international education hub and establishing Hong Kong as a preferred destination for international education"

Wording of the Motion

That the Outline of the National 15th Five-Year Plan stipulates building a high-quality education system and expanding high-standard opening up in the education sector, and clearly supports Hong Kong's development into an international hub for high-calibre talent; Hong Kong should fully leverage its unique strengths of connecting with the Mainland and the world under 'one country, two systems' to deepen the development of an international education hub and establish itself as a preferred destination for international education; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to formulate specific strategic and forward-looking measures, including:

(1) prescribing specific objectives, measures, implementation timetables and strategic roadmaps for deepening the development of an international education hub and establishing the city as a preferred destination for international education, and regularly reviewing and updating the plan;

(2) expediting studies for a proposal to align the curriculum contents and assessment mode of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination ('HKDSE') with international standards, with a view to actively expanding HKDSE's recognition network in the Mainland and overseas places; and further promoting the arrangements for mutual recognition of credits and academic qualifications with countries along the Belt and Road and overseas educational institutions, so as to enhance HKDSE's international competitiveness;

(3) further optimizing the operation conditions of Direct Subsidy Scheme ('DSS') schools and continuously optimizing the DSS Expansion and related supporting measures, including suitably relaxing the approval requirements for applications relating to the conversion into or construction of student boarding facilities on a self-financing basis;

(4) attracting more renowned Mainland and overseas educational institutions to operate in Hong Kong through flexible land grant arrangements and optimization of related supporting measures, including streamlining the

approval procedures for campus planning and facilitating the visa arrangements for non-local teachers and students; and at the same time, promoting collaboration between local institutions and top international institutions in offering programmes; and

(5) exploring the allocation of additional resources to support local institutions in expanding their international student recruitment and exchange networks, to further strengthen the overseas promotion of the Study in Hong Kong and Study Tour in Hong Kong brands, and to comprehensively enhance the international brand image of Hong Kong's education; and providing incoming students with more comprehensive support services, including complementary arrangements for accommodation, staying in Hong Kong to take up employment, and integrating into the community, so as to make an all-out effort in establishing Hong Kong as a preferred destination for international education.