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**Paper for the House Committee meeting
on 17 May 2002**

**Report of the Panel on Education concerning
the motion debate on "Report on Higher Education in Hong Kong"
scheduled for the Council meeting on 22 May 2002**

Purpose

This paper seeks the agreement of the House Committee for the motion debate on "Report on Higher Education in Hong Kong" scheduled for the Council meeting on 22 May 2002 be deferred.

Background

2. On 26 March 2002, the University Grants Committee (UGC) announced the completion of the Higher Education Review 2002 and released the Review Report for public consultation. The duration of the consultation period is two months.

3. The Panel on Education has held three meetings (on 26 March, 7 May and 13 May 2002) since the release of the Report to receive a briefing on the Report, to hear views from academics, staff associations and students' unions in the higher education sector and other concern organisations, and also to discuss the Report with the Administration and UGC.

4. The Panel has also decided that Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, as Chairman of the Panel, should sponsor a motion on the Report for debate before the end of the consultation period. The Chairman has, accordingly, made an application for a debate slot in his own name, and has secured a slot for debate on the Report at the Council meeting on 22 May 2002. The wording of the motion is in the **Appendix**.

5. Given the importance of the issues raised in the Report, some Panel members have expressed concern that the two-month consultation period is too short and have requested UGC to extend the consultation period. The students' unions which gave views to the Panel on 7 May 2002 also requested UGC to extend the consultation period. These students' unions had pointed out that as most tertiary education institutions would be busy with examinations in May, they needed more time to solicit views from fellow students.

Suggestion of the Panel

6. At the meeting of the Panel on 13 May 2002, UGC informed members that the consultation period on the Report would be extended up to 31 July 2002. In view of UGC's agreement to extend the consultation period, the Panel suggests that the debate on the Report should be held at a later date, so that Members can listen to more views before the motion debate. The date of 26 June 2002 is considered more appropriate for holding the debate as it is sufficiently close to the expiry of the consultation period, and precedes the last two Council meetings (in the current session) the agendas of which are expected to be long. Members of the Panel have therefore suggested that the Chairman, Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, should defer his motion debate from 22 May to 26 June 2002.

Advice sought

7. The House Committee's agreement is sought for the suggestion of the Panel on Education that Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung should defer his motion debate on "Report on Higher Education in Hong Kong" from 22 May to 26 June 2002, as discussed in paragraph 6 above.

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Appendix

**2002年5月22日(星期三)
立法會會議席上
楊耀忠議員就“《香港高等教育》報告”
提出的議案**

議案措辭

“本會察悉大學教育資助委員會題為《香港高等教育》的報告。”

(Translation)

**Motion on “Report on Higher Education in Hong Kong”
to be moved by Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung
at the Legislative Council meeting
on Wednesday, 22 May 2002**

Wording of the Motion

“That this Council notes the report of the University Grants Committee entitled ‘Higher Education in Hong Kong’.”