

LegCo Panel on Education

**City University of Hong Kong
18EJ - The Landmark Building
20EJ - The Multi-media Building**

Purpose

This paper seeks Members' views on the proposal to construct the following two projects for the City University of Hong Kong (CityU) –

- (a) Landmark Building at Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon Tong; and
- (b) Multi-media Building at Cornwall Street, Sham Shui Po.

Problem

2. The existing campus of CityU's was designed in the mid-eighties and completed in early nineties, on which the University has been operating for almost sixteen years.

3. As a result of the development over the years, CityU is in shortage of space to carry out its core activities of teaching and research. To address the problem, some of the administrative and academic support units' activities have moved out to leased premises nearby to make way for the provision of facilities such as classrooms, open laboratories, student and staff amenities, specialist laboratories, research centers, applied strategic development centers, etc. at the main campus. Other non-essential activities and facilities have moved further away to Yuen Long and Shatin. A floor of the covered carpark has been converted into academic use for the School of Creative Media on a temporary basis since 1998 pending the completion of the new Multi-media Building.

4. The space made available through appropriate conversion and rationalization of space utilization is quite limited. The provision for some of the supporting and peripheral facilities has suffered in the past few years due to the shortage of space.

Project Scopes

5. The scope and nature of the two proposed capital projects are as follows –

18EJ - The Landmark Building

6. The proposed Landmark building, with a net operation area (NOFA) of 16 000 m², will house the administrative offices, a Council Chamber, a multi-floor learning resources centre with study and student activities areas.

7. The Landmark Building project will be implemented in two stages. Stage 1 is the pre-contract consultancy for the preparation of the design and tender documents involving architectural, engineering, environmental, lighting, etc. Stage 2 is the post-contract consultancy and construction of the Landmark Building.

20EJ - The Multi-media Building

8. The proposed Multi-media Building, with a net operational floor area (NOFA) of 13 400 m², will house under one roof, the various academic departments and research centres associated with creative media and media engineering which are now scattered over different locations. The proposal will maximize the development potential of the site adjacent to the student hostels at Cornwall Street.

9. The Multi-media Building project will likewise be implemented in two stages. Stage 1 is the site formation works and pre-contract consultancy for the preparation of the design and tender documents, and other specialist areas like architectural, engineering, environmental, lighting, etc. Stage 2 is the post-contract consultancy and construction of the Multi-media Building.

Justifications

10. According to a study on space and accommodation at UGC-funded institutions completed in February 2000, CityU has a 27% shortfall in accommodation provision equivalent to 35 400 m² in NOFA. CityU plans to construct three major building projects, namely the Landmark Building, the Multi-Media Building and the Academic Building and Student Activities Centre, to meet the existing shortfall of CityU.

11. The space to be provided by these three building projects under planning is as below –

	<u>NOFA (m²)</u>
Landmark Building	16,000
Multi-media Building	13,400
Academic Building and Student Activities Centre*	5,960
	<u>35,360</u>

12. CityU is currently leasing over 4 000 m² of space outside campus. The administrative offices will be relocated to the proposed Landmark Building upon its completion. The proposed Multi-media Building will provide a permanent and proper accommodation for the School of Creative Media, other academic departments, support units and research centers.

Financial Implications

13. The estimated total project costs in September 2001 prices are in the region of the following -

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Stage 1</u> <u>\$ million</u>	<u>Stage 2</u> <u>\$ million</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>\$ million</u>
18EJ - Landmark Building	30	610	640
20EJ - Multi-media Building	50	500	550

The Way Forward

14. We intend to submit for the Public Works Sub-Committee's consideration for upgrading of Stage 1 of the two projects to Category A by June 2002. We plan to commence the pre-contract consultancy selection in

* The Academic Building and Student Activities Centre is tentatively scheduled for submission to PWSC in late 2002.

mid-2002 and to upgrade Stage 2 to Category A in mid-2003.

15. Members' views on CityU's proposed Landmark Building and Multi-media Building are sought.

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