

LegCo Panel on Education

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

Supplementary Information on Space and Accommodation Study

When Members considered the information paper on the above two capital projects of the City University at the meeting on 18 March 2002, the Administration undertook to provide relevant information on the space and accommodation study endorsed by the UGC in 2000 for Members' reference.

Background

2. To assess objectively the space and accommodation provision and space utilisation in the UGC-funded institutions, the UGC commissioned a consultancy study in late 1998, with the following terms of reference -

- (a) to recommend a methodology acceptable to the UGC with which to assess, at a macroscopic level, the adequacy of the UGC-funded institutions' current and approved space and accommodation; and
- (b) to carry out the assessment using that methodology, so that the methodology and the result of the assessment can be used as a reference by the UGC in assessing requests for additional space from UGC-funded institutions for capital projects.

3. The study was completed in late 1999. The UGC considered and endorsed the Consultancy Report in early 2000. With the agreement of the Administration, the UGC adopted the methodology recommended in the Report for assessing the current and future capital requirements of the institutions.

Methodology

4. In the main, the Consultant recommended the adoption of a Room Use Based Methodology structured with categories of space defined by types of activities and the respective space planning standards as follows -

- Classroom
- Teaching laboratory
- Research laboratory
- Office
- Library
- Indoor sports facilities
- Student and staff amenities
- Health care, residential facilities
- Support facilities

5. To tailor-make the specific characteristics of individual space category, other variables such as student number, classroom utilisation level, laboratory utilisation level, research expenditure, library volumes, etc. were taken into account in assessing the requirement for each space category.

Breakdown of CityU's Space Shortfall

6. Based on the methodology as mentioned above, a comparison of the space required and space available by categories in respect of CityU is as follows –

	Classroom	Teaching Lab	Research Lab	Office	Library	Indoor Sports	Student/ Staff	Support	Total
Required	16 143	27 177	12 143	31 078	17 001	4 327	16 829	4 988	129 686
Available	10 054	19 183	7 115	27 517	10 606	5 178	10 983	3 552	94 188
Over/ Under by	-6 089	-7 994	-5 028	-3 561	-6 395	851	-5 846	-1 436	-35 498 (-27.4%)

Note: Numbers quoted are in square metres.

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