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Subject : Feedback on the Consultation on "Reforming the Academic Structure for Senior Secondary Education and Higher Education"

To: Education and Manpower Bureau

Cc: Education Commission

Legislative Council - Education Panel

I am writing to express my views on "Reforming the Academic Structure for Senior Secondary Education and Higher Education".

There have been a lot of changes to the Hong Kong education system in recent years, actually I do not wish to see further changes. However, in view of the benefits the 3+3+4 structure would bring about, I am prepared to support the change, including the structure of 3+3+4 (i.e. 3 years secondary, 3 years senior secondary and 4 years higher education); the combination of HKCEE and HKALE into one new examination and the funding arrangement (i.e. the Reform is financed by public funding and tuition fee contribution).

The above support, however, is subject to the condition that there are **no further changes** or reform to the rest of the education system. This include:

1. The admission mechanisms currently adopted for primary schools and secondary school - it is important to maintain the current admission mechanisms adopted for primary schools and secondary schools as it is essential to respect the traditions and culture of different organizations. In addition, as many schools are run by religious and/or voluntary organizations, it is important to respect their practices and traditions;
2. The use of mother language as a medium for teaching; and
3. The language proficiency assessment for teachers.

I am aware that the Education Commission is reviewing some of these items, my view is to maintain the status quo as these policies are appropriate and fair and should be maintained. If it is considered necessary to take the review further, it should be accompanied by discussions and consultations with the public, including the setting out of precise rationale for proposed changes, and further hearings.

Any future proposals for changes to any aspects of the education system need to be carefully considered, thoroughly consulted, gradual and there should be a long-enough transitional period. May I reiterate that that there has been too many changes in the education systems already in recent years, and there should not be further changes after this 3+3+4 Reform.

Yours sincerely,
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