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Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong's co-ordination proposal

- (1) Under the Education (Amendment) Ordinance 2004, existing schools with incorporated management committees ("IMC") and schools without IMCs are both lawful schools. Therefore, the provision of funding and supporting measures to these lawful schools should be made in an equal and non-discriminatory manner.
- (2) The Legislative Council Panel on Education proposes that:
  - (i) the Government should offer liability insurance and legal protection for the managers of all lawful school management committees ("SMC");
  - (ii) the Government should grant the right to flexibly use the Expanded Operating Expenses Block Grant and Teacher Relief Grant to all lawful SMCs which are properly managed both financially and administratively;
  - (iii) the Government should provide, on a reimbursement basis, a one-off cash grant of \$700,000 for two years to those schools which take the lead of establishing IMCs on a pilot basis before 2007. In 2007, the Government shall conduct a review of the schools which have established IMCs on a pilot basis by calculating the average expenses of these schools over the two years and estimating the annual recurrent expenditure of these schools after 2007; and
  - (iv) Schools that join the scheme after 2007 but before the statutory deadline for establishing IMCs may receive a one-off average grant for two years for establishing IMCs. After two years, these IMC schools will receive an annual grant, which is equivalent to the sum of annual recurrent expenditure, for the purpose of continuing the operation of their IMCs.