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Dr Yeung Sum  
Chairman, Panel on Education  
Legislative Council  
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Dear Dr Yeung,

### **Opinion on designated schools for non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students**

Referring to the letter from EMB dated on 4 September 2006, we would like to express opinions of the above mentioned matter. First of all, we are glad to see that the numbers of designated schools have been increased from 10 to 15 and the districts are spread to Kwai Tsing and Yuen Long. However, there are also many ethnic minorities living in **Tung Chung** and **Tinshuiwai** areas, the EMB should identify some schools of these two distinctive areas for NCS students in order to minimize their traveling time to study.

Secondly, the EMB should be more concrete in proposing the forms of on-site support to the designated schools. The EMB should provide **extra resources to schools for employing EM staff and running after-school tutorial classes** for NCS students.

The **summer Bridging Program** that EMB mentioned is really helpful for NCS students. Yet, the program should be **extended to whole year round** in order to let NCS students have enough time to learn and adjust the school life.

Last but not least, **standardized alternative Chinese language curriculum must be designed** for NCS students and a **tailor made public examination** which is bridged with the curriculum should also be formulated.

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Since the EMB's reply is ambiguous and she did not really address to our concerns and opinion that we raised in the last meeting of Panel on Education on 20 July 2006, we would like to solicit your support in clarifying with EMB again. Should you have further enquiries, please feel free to contact me at 2708-7423 or my designated colleague on this matter, Ms Viola Tsang at 2342-6156.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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