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**Legal Service Division Report on
The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Declaration of C. W. Chu College,
Wu Yee Sun College and Lee Woo Shing College as Constituent Colleges) Bill
(Member's Bill)**

I. SUMMARY

- 1. Objects of the Bill** To declare C.W. Chu College, Wu Yee Sun College and Lee Woo Sing College as the constituent Colleges of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (the University) and to provide for consequential amendments.
- 2. Comments** The Member in charge is Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong.

The Bill declares C.W. Chu College, Wu Yee Sun College and Lee Woo Sing College as constituent Colleges of the University. The amendments introduced by the Bill are technical in nature.
- 3. Public Consultation** There has been no public consultation.
- 4. Consultation with LegCo Panel** The Panel on Education was briefed and was consulted on the Bill at its meeting on 12 November 2007.
- 5. Conclusion** No difficulties in the legal and drafting aspects have been identified. Subject to Members' view, the Bill is ready for resumption of Second Reading debate.

II. REPORT

Objects of the Bill

The object of the Bill is to declare C.W. Chu College, Wu Yee Sun College and Lee Woo Sing College as the constituent Colleges of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (the University) in accordance with The Chinese University of Hong Kong Ordinance (Cap. 1109) (the Ordinance) and to provide for consequential amendments.

LegCo Brief Reference

2. There is no LegCo Brief but an information paper was tabled at the meeting of the Education Panel on 12 November 2007 (LC Paper No. CB(2)244/07-08(01)).

Date of First Reading

3. 9 January 2008.

Comments

Background

4. The University was incorporated in 1963 as university with a federal constitution with three original Colleges (Chung Chi College, New Asia College and The United College of Hong Kong). Subsequently, the Council of the University, by special resolution, resolved that Shaw College be added as a constituent College of the University. In view of the Government policy of reversion to a four-year curriculum in the academic year of 2012-2013, the University expects that the number of its undergraduates will increase by over 3,000. The University has considered it more appropriate to increase the number of colleges than to expand the capacity of each of the colleges. Morningside College and S.H. Ho College have been declared as constituent Colleges in July 2007 for this purpose. C.W. Chu College, Wu Yee Sun College and Lee Woo Sing College are established against this background.

The Bill

5. This is a Member's Bill and the Member in charge is Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong. The Administration has confirmed that the Bill does not relate to public expenditure, political structure, the operation of the Government, or Government policies. The Law Draftsman also confirms that the Bill conforms to the requirement of Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure and the general form of Hong Kong legislation.

6. The amendments introduced by the Bill are technical in nature. Clause 3 of the Bill declares C.W. Chu College, Wu Yee Sun College and Lee Woo Sing College as constituent Colleges of the University. The Schedule to the Bill sets out the amendments consequential to the declaration by adding the names of the three Colleges to the long title and preamble of the Ordinance.

Public Consultation

7. The public has not been consulted on the provisions of the Bill.

Consultation with LegCo Panel

8. The Panel on Education was briefed on the Bill at its meeting on 12 November 2007. Members in general supported the bill which was simple and straight-forward.

9. Members noted that the University was reviewing the size of its Council with a view to reducing its membership from 57 to around 25. In the meantime, the new constituent colleges would not be represented in the University Council. Members were concerned about the progress of the review and urged the University to ensure fair representation of old and new constituent Colleges in its Council in future. Members noted that a bill to amend the Ordinance would be introduced to restructure the University Council after the review.

Conclusion

10. No difficulties in legal and drafting aspects have been identified. Subject to Members' view, the Bill is ready for resumption of Second Reading debate.

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