

**For information**

**Legislative Council Panel on Education**

**Development of a student amenity centre  
by The Chinese University of Hong Kong**

**PURPOSE**

This paper briefs Members on a proposed capital works project for The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) to develop a student amenity centre within the University campus in Sha Tin.

**JUSTIFICATION**

2. The new academic structure for senior secondary education and higher education (i.e. the “3+3+4”) will be implemented starting from the 2009/10 academic year. The first cohort of senior secondary students will undergo a four-year undergraduate programmes starting from the 2012/13 academic year. The University Grants Committee-funded institutions, including CUHK, need to expand their campus space and facilities in order to accommodate the additional students under the new four-year undergraduate programmes and to provide a suitable teaching and learning environment in support of the new academic structure.

3. CUHK plans to carry out four capital works projects<sup>1</sup> to provide additional space and facilities of some 24 500 m<sup>2</sup> in net operational floor area (NOFA) in total to support the implementation of “3+3+4”, one of which is to construct a student amenity centre of some 4 120 m<sup>2</sup> in NOFA. The project will provide additional space to meet the need for more amenity space arising from the increase in number of students, to provide space for student unions and clubs for organising activities, to provide premises for student counselling services, career development and planning, and to integrate amenities with learning so that students can gather and engage in group projects, academic discussions as well as multi-cultural activities.

4. The new student amenity centre will be located in the Chung Chi College campus, next to the existing Chung Chi Tang student canteen and the Lake Ad Excellentiam. The proposed facilities will include

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<sup>1</sup> The other “3+3+4” capital works projects of CUHK include “An integrated teaching building”, “Centralized general research lab complex (block 1) in Area 39” and “Extension to the existing University Library at Central Campus”. CUHK is working on the project details and intends to submit funding proposals within 2009.

common rooms, student service rooms, a multi-purpose hall, cafeteria with kitchen, display area and support facilities. A site plan showing the location of the project is at Enclosure.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5. The estimated cost of the project is around \$208 million in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices. The project will have no impact on tuition fees. As the additional recurrent costs associated with this project will be absorbed by CUHK, the proposal will have no additional recurrent financial implications on the Government.

## **IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE**

6. We plan to seek the approval of the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council for the proposal on 15 December 2008 and 9 January 2009 respectively. Subject to funding approval of the Finance Committee, CUHK plans to start the construction works in the second quarter of 2009 for completion in the third quarter of 2011.

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

7. As the project is located within the CUHK campus and there is no residential estate/housing in its immediate vicinity, it will not affect residents in the vicinity. CUHK has briefed and consulted its staff and students on various occasions including student assemblies and Campus Master Plan engagement meetings and forums. Concerns of staff and students have been clarified and addressed.

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香港中文大學學生活動中心的工地平面圖  
Site plan for the development of a student amenity centre  
by The Chinese University of Hong Kong

