

Supplementary Information on
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Subhead 700 General non-recurrent
Item 027 Project Yi Jin
for the FC Meeting on 18 June 2010

As requested by the FC Chairman at the pre-meeting briefing with the Administration on 15 June 2010, supplementary information on the above FCai is appended below.

(a) Increase in enrollment in the 2009/10 academic year (Paragraph 3, Page 2)

There are two categories of Project Yi Jin (PYJ) students –

- (a) Secondary 5 leavers who are aged below 21, most of whom have sat for the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) in the current year or in previous years; and
- (b) mature students who are aged 21 or above regardless of their academic background.

In the 2009/10 academic year, the enrolment of the PYJ programme was about 40% higher than the previous year. The increase in the enrollment in general was due to the increasing popularity and recognition of the programme in recent years. Secondary 5 leavers who took the HKCEE in previous years registered the most significant increase in full-time enrollment in the 2009/10 academic year. There were about 4 500 such students, doubled that of the previous year. This may indicate that more Secondary 5 school leavers, after a few years of work, have returned to full time education and chosen PYJ as an alternative pathway to obtain a qualification comparable to five passes in the HKCEE for continuing education and employment purposes. The general increase in the enrolment may also reflect that more Secondary 5 school leavers and mature students wish to obtain through PYJ a formal qualification before it ceases to be offered after the 2011/12 academic year under the New Senior Secondary Academic Structure.

(b) Percentage of students failing to obtain tuition fee reimbursement (Paragraph 9, Page 4)

The PYJ programme consists of ten modules, of which seven are core modules and three are elective modules. All PYJ students are currently eligible for reimbursement of 30%, or 100% if they pass the means test for full grant, of the tuition fees paid for **each** satisfactorily completed module. In other words, even if a student has failed some of the ten modules, he/she is still eligible for reimbursement of the tuition fees paid for the satisfactorily completed modules. It is very rare for a student not to get reimbursement for any amount of the tuition fees for any of the ten modules. Over the past few years, the average number of modules reimbursed per full-time student is about eight.

(c) PYJ students securing civil service appointment (Paragraph 18, Page 7)

Since December 2000, the PYJ certificate has been accepted by the Government as meeting the entry requirement of more than 30 civil service grades which require five passes (including English Language and Chinese Language) in the HKCEE. A list of such civil service grades is attached at **Annex**. The number of civil service appointees with PYJ qualification in the past five years is tabulated below -

Financial Year	Number of appointees with PYJ qualification
2005-06	114
2006-07	348
2007-08	384
2008-09	500
2009-10	398
Total	1 744

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**Civil Service Grades requiring Five Passes
in HKCEE including English and Chinese**

1. Ambulanceman
2. Amenities Assistant III
3. Assistant Census and Survey Officer
4. Assistant Hawker Control Officer
5. Assistant Officer II (Correctional)
6. Computer Operator II
7. Confidential Assistant
8. Customs Officer
9. Dental Inspector
10. Dental Surgery Assistant
11. Driving Examiner II
12. Driving Instructor
13. Field Assistant
14. Fireman
15. Foreman
16. Hostel Manager / Manageress
17. Immigration Assistant
18. Marine Inspector II
19. Mortuary Officer
20. Operations and Training Officer
21. Overseer
22. Personal Secretary II
23. Police Communications Officer
24. Police Constable
25. Postal Officer
26. Programme Assistant
27. Senior Foreman
28. Social Security Assistant
29. Student Aeronautical Communications Officer
30. Student Computer Operator
31. Supervisor of Typing Services
32. Tax Inspector II
33. Transport Controller II
34. Transport Inspector
35. Welfare Worker