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Clerk to the Finance Committee  
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Dear Ms Sit,

**FCR(2010-11)29 : Head 156 – Government Secretariat: Education Bureau  
Subhead 700 General non-recurrent  
Item 027 Project Yi Jin**

**FC Meeting held on 18 June 2010**

As requested by Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai and Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyau during the consideration of the above FCai on 18 June 2010, supplementary information on the employment situation and articulation pathways for the Project Yi Jin (PYJ) students is appended below.

The Programme Management Committee of PYJ has conducted annual tracking surveys since 2008 to find out the employment situation and articulation pathways for PYJ graduates. Two telephone surveys were conducted during the periods from October to December 2008 and from January to March 2010 by interviewing the graduates of the 2007/08 and 2008/09 academic years respectively. It was revealed that about half of the graduates were employed and over 35% were pursuing further study while about 13% were neither employed nor studying at the time of the surveys. The results of the telephone surveys are summarized in the following table-

Academic Year	Number of respondents successfully interviewed	Number of respondents employed (percentage)	Number of respondents pursuing further study (percentage)	Number of respondents neither employed nor pursuing further study (percentage)
2007/08	4 147	2 168 (52%)*	1 434 (35%)*	559 (13%)
2008/09	5 368	2 660 (49%)*	2 036 (38%)*	692 (13%)

\* Some respondents were taking up employment and pursuing further studies at the same time.


For those students who have taken up employment, about 83% had joined the private sector while about 12% had either joined the Government or the public sector and the remaining 5% were self-employed.

About 35% to 38% of the students continued to study after they have completed the PYJ Programme. The most common courses they enrolled in were Diploma, Higher Diploma and Pre-Associate Degree programmes which normally require five passes in Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination for admission. The details of the courses are tabulated below-

Academic Year	Types of Programme					
	Diploma	Higher Diploma	Pre-Associate Degree	Associate Degree	Certificate / Advanced Certificate	Others
2007/08	28%	38%	14%	3%	11%	6%
2008/09	23%	37%	19%	1%	15%	5%

From the findings of the above surveys, it was noted that most (87%) of the PYJ graduates were either employed or pursuing further studies. It is considered that the PYJ programme has achieved its objective by upgrading students' knowledge and practical skills through practical training and academic pursuance to acquire the necessary qualification, via an alternate curriculum other than the mainstream secondary courses, for employment and further study purposes.

Yours sincerely,

  
( Amy Wong )

for Secretary for Education