

Panel on Education

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 8 April 2010)

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for discussion |
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| <p>1. The progress of local and international recognition and promotion of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education ("HKDSE") qualification</p> <p>At the meeting on 8 February 2010, members raised the concern about the local and international recognition of HKDSE. According to the Administration, the Education Bureau and the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority have been working closely to secure local and international recognition of the HKDSE. Efforts have been focused on promoting the HKDSE for admission to universities and higher education institutions, as well as securing employment opportunities. The first stage of the exercise includes studies with the Universities and Colleges Admissions Services of the United Kingdom. Local promotion to different institutions is in progress. On the other hand, Hong Kong delegation has visited overseas countries including Canada, UK, USA, Australia, India, and Singapore to further promote the new academic structure and the international recognition of the HKDSE.</p> | <p>Special meeting
scheduled for
30 April 2010</p> |
| <p>2. Education for young drug abusers and relocation of Christian Zheng Sheng College ("CZSC")</p> <p>At the meeting on 18 March 2010, members agreed to convene a special meeting to follow up the subject. Representatives of CZSC would be invited to give views at the meeting.</p> | <p>Special meeting
scheduled for
30 April 2010</p> |
| <p>3. Final Report of the Study on Small Class Teaching ("the Study")</p> <p>The Administration will inform members of the findings of the Study on Small Class Teaching and how the professional development programmes have been framed in accordance with the findings of the Study to support teachers for the implementation of small class teaching in public-sector primary</p> | <p>May 2010</p> |

schools starting from Primary 1 in the 2009-2010 school year. The consultant of the Study will attend the meeting to brief the Panel.

At the meeting on 11 January 2010, members agreed to invite deputations to give views on the subject.

4. Injection into the Language Fund

Item proposed by the Administration. This item seeks to have members' support for the proposed injection of \$500 million into the Language Fund to further upgrade the biliterate and trilingual proficiency of Hong Kong people.

May 2010

The Administration plans to submit the proposal to the Finance Committee for consideration in late May or June 2010.

5. Increase in commitment for Project Yi Jin

Item proposed by the Administration. The approved commitment of \$790 million for Project Yi Jin is insufficient for meeting the projected funding requirement until the 2011-2012 academic year. Subject to members' support, the Administration will seek the approval of the Finance Committee for an increase in the commitment for the project.

May 2010

The Administration plans to submit the proposal to the Finance Committee for consideration on 11 June 2010.

6. Grievance procedures of the University Grants Committee ("UGC")-funded institutions

Item proposed by the UGC. The UGC has researched into the grievance procedures of the overseas and local institutions and come up with "best practice" guidelines. At the meeting on 11 January 2010, the Chairman of the UGC undertook to share with members' findings of the UGC's research and the UGC-funded institutions' responses to the recommended "best practice" guidelines.

May 2010

Proposed timing
for discussion

7. Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme ("the Scheme")

The subject was proposed by Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong. Mr CHEUNG was of the view that the objectives and effectiveness of the Scheme were unclear.

To be confirmed

8. Education for students with special educational needs ("SEN")

In the context of discussing the school leaving arrangements for students with intellectual disability at the various meetings in June and July 2009, members considered that the Panel should discuss the provision of education for students with SEN.

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 15 October 2009, members agreed to follow up the school leaving arrangements for students with intellectual disability. The Chairman proposed at the meeting on 8 February 2010 that discussion on the subject should include assessment and recognition of qualifications of students as well as review of class structure of special schools.

9. Liberal Studies

The subject was discussed at the meeting on 11 July 2009. At the meeting on 15 October 2009, members suggested that the Panel should continue to discuss the subject.

To be confirmed

10. Exit pathways for students taking the 2010 Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination ("HKCEE")

At the meeting on 9 November 2009, members agreed to discuss the exit pathways for students taking the 2010 HKCEE. Members were concerned that in the past, Secondary ("S") 5 graduates who were not admitted to S6 classes had the opportunity of repeating S5, as well as re-taking the HKCEE in the following year. However, candidates sitting for the last HKCEE held in 2010 would no longer have such an option.

To be confirmed

11. Trial scheme on school drug testing in Tai Po District ("the Scheme") and development of rehabilitation centre-cum-schools

At the meeting on 8 September 2009, the Administration agreed to provide an interim report on the Scheme as well as the estimated additional resources required for downstream services.

The Panel on Security discussed implementation progress of the trial scheme on school drug testing in Tai Po District at its meeting on 2 March 2010.

As the focus of discussion of the Panel on Security was different from that of the Panel on Education, members considered that the two Panels should follow up the subject from different perspective. Members agreed at the meeting on 8 February 2010 to discuss the Scheme at a later stage after it had been implemented for a longer period.

A paper on education for young drug abusers and relocation of Christian Zheng Sheng College has been discussed at the Panel meeting on 18 March 2010

12. International schools

At the meeting on 15 October 2009, members raised the concern about student enrolment in international schools built on land granted by the Government. Pending the provision of written information from the Administration on the policy concerning proper use of public resources allocated to international schools, the Panel will consider the need to discuss the subject.

To be confirmed

The information paper provided by the Administration was circulated to members on 2 December 2009 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)429/09-10. The Chairman considered it necessary to discuss the subject.