

Panel on Education

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 12 May 2010)

Proposed timing
for discussion

1. 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.

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2. Progress report of the implementation of the New Academic Structure ("NAS")

Item proposed by the Administration. With the introduction of the NAS in September 2009 starting at Secondary 4, schools are continuously supported to help the smooth implementation of new senior secondary curriculum. Feedback on implementation issues from stakeholders is continuously collected with a view to providing information for the improvement of support measures especially with regard to Liberal Studies. Special effort is paid to help publicize the study pathways for the last cohort of students taking the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination in 2010. The higher education sector has stepped up effort to prepare for the NAS. The Education Bureau also works closely with the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority to promote the NAS and the recognition of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education qualification.

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3. 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.

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(to be
incorporated in
the progress

Proposed timing
for discussion

report of NAS)

4. 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.

July 2010
(to be
incorporated in
the progress
report of NAS)

5. 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.

Proposed for
deletion

The subject was discussed at the meeting on 11 January 2010 when the Chairman of the UGC briefed members on the work of the UGC. The letter dated 30 March 2010 from the Chairman of the Research Grants Council informing members of the selection process as well as the results of the 2010-2011 exercise of the Scheme was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1279/09-10(01) on 13 April 2010.

6. 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.

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for discussion

7. 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

8. 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.

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.

To be confirmed