

Panel on Education

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 11 June 2010)

Proposed timing
for discussion

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

Item proposed by the UGC. UGC has researched into the grievance procedures of 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' the findings of the UGC's research and the UGC-funded institutions' responses to the recommended "best practice" guidelines.

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The letter and paper dated 17 May 2010 from UGC concerning the grievance/complaints handling procedures of the UGC-funded institutions was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1576/09-10 on 19 May 2010.

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

Item proposed by the Administration. With the introduction of 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 NAS. The Education Bureau also works closely with the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority to promote NAS and the recognition of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education qualification.

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for discussion

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 report of NAS)

4. Issues relating to the relocation of the centres of the Christian Zheng Sheng Association ("CZSA")

Item proposed jointly by Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che and Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong. At the meeting on 13 May 2010, members agreed to hold a special meeting in July 2010 to discuss the subject and the related policy issues. Noting that the Chief Secretary for Administration is leading a working group to study the relocation of the centres of CZSA, members have requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the progress of work of the working group.

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The Chairman proposed that the discussion should also include the provision of a mainstream curriculum leading to the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (or the future Diploma of Secondary Education Examination) to young drug abusers undergoing drug rehabilitation and the ancillary facilities and resources required for the implementation of such a curriculum.

5. 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

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.

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2010 to discuss the Scheme at a later stage after it had been implemented for a longer period.

6. 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 facilitate monitoring of the provision of public resources to international schools, the Administration will conduct a comprehensive survey in the international school sector and keep track of the supply and demand of international school places. The Administration will brief the Panel upon the completion of the survey in 2011.

7. Matters relating to sex education in schools

The subject was proposed by Ms Starry LEE. Ms LEE was of the view that schools should include sex education in the curriculum so as to provide correct information on sex to students.

To be confirmed