

Panel on Education

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 14 October 2009)

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for discussion |
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| 1. Capital works project of the University Grants Committee-funded institutions – An integrated teaching building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong | Item proposed by the Administration. This item seeks to brief members on a capital works project proposed by the Chinese University of Hong Kong to build on its university campus a multi-storey teaching building accommodating mainly classrooms, seminar rooms and support facilities.

The Administration plans to submit the above proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration on 25 November and 18 December 2009 respectively. | November 2009 |
| 2. 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 |
| 3. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Amendment) Bill 2009 (the Bill) | Hon LAM Tai-fai intends to present the Bill as a Member's Bill. The object of the Bill is to amend the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Ordinance to, among others, change the composition of the Council of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and define more clearly the respective roles of the Council and the Management. | To be confirmed |

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4. Educational services proposed by the Task Force on Economic Challenges (the Task Force) and development of private universities

The subject matters of educational services proposed by the Task Force and development of private universities were suggested by the Chairman for discussion. Members agreed to discuss the matters when concrete proposals/information were available.

To be confirmed

5. Liberal Studies

The subject was discussed at the meeting on 11 July 2009. Members may wish to revisit the subject after its implementation in the 2009-2010 school year.

To be confirmed

6. Reduction of textbook prices and review of School Textbook Assistance Scheme (the Scheme)

At the meeting on 11 May 2009, members urged the Administration to consider formulating measures to reduce textbook prices and expanding the scope of the Scheme to cover Internet access service fee. Members agreed to follow up the matter at a future meeting.

To be confirmed

7. Progress of promotion of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education qualification

At the meeting on 10 November 2008, members agreed to revisit the subject when the results of the study conducted with the Universities and Colleges Admission Services and other international agencies were available.

To be confirmed

8. Trial scheme on school drug testing in Tai Po District (the Scheme)

At the meeting on 8 September 2009, members considered it important to monitor the implementation of the Scheme to be launched in December 2009. The Administration agreed to provide an interim report on the Scheme as well as the estimated additional resources required for downstream services.

To be confirmed

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9. 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

10. Sub-degree education and first-year-first-degree places

Members were concerned about the issues relating to sub-degree education and considered it appropriate to discuss the number of publicly-funded first-year-first-degree places remaining at 14 500 for many years in the context.

To be confirmed