

Panel on Education

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 8 December 2009)

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for discussion |
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| 1. Briefing on the work of the University Grants Committee (UGC) | |
| Item proposed by the UGC. The Chairman of the UGC will brief members on the work of the UGC, with a view to enhancing its communication with the Panel. | January 2010 |
| 2. The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Statutes 2009 (the Amendment Statutes) | |
| At the meeting on 9 November 2009, members agreed to revisit the Amendment Statutes at the meeting scheduled for 11 January 2010 and to invite the relevant stakeholders to present their views at the meeting. | January 2010 |
| 3. Injection into the Language Fund | |
| Item proposed by the Administration. This item seeks to have Members' support for injecting \$300 million into the Language Fund to strengthen the teaching and learning of English in primary and secondary schools. | To be confirmed |
| 4. 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 |
| 5. Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme | |
| At the meeting on 15 October 2009, members agreed to follow up the implementation of the Scheme. | To be confirmed |

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6. 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

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.

To be confirmed

At the special meeting of the Panel on Security held on 25 November 2009, members agreed that the Panel on Security would continue to follow up on issues relating to anti-drug efforts of the Government while the Panel on Education would focus on the implementation of the Scheme.

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.

9. 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

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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. Arts education in schools

At the meeting on 15 October 2009, members proposed to discuss the provision of arts education in schools. Subject to the outcome of discussion, the Panel may consider holding a joint meeting with the Panel on Home Affairs.

Proposed to be
deleted

The Administration considers it more appropriate to discuss the subject in the context of West Kowloon Cultural District Project, and suggests that this item be deleted.

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.

Proposed to be
deleted

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