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By Email & Post

Clerk to Panel on Education  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
3/F Citibank Tower  
3 Garden Road  
Central  
Hong Kong

Dear Sir,

**Panel on Education on Report on the Higher Education Review 2010  
Meeting on 14 March 2011**

We refer to the meeting of the Panel on Education to be held on 14 March 2011 for the discussion of the "Report on the Higher Education Review 2010". Please find submitted the views of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors for the consideration of the Panel.

In general, we are pleased to note that certain suggestions, e.g. a balance between teaching and research as detailed in our President's letter of 5 May 2010 have been considered by the Review Group and have been incorporated into the Report."

We are aware of the growing complexity and specialization of our social and economic structure in Hong Kong. Accordingly, the knowledge requirements for our population in the current knowledge-based economy shall change or evolve with time. We are of the opinion that different professional institutions are some of the important sources in updating knowledge and understanding the ever changing community requirements. It is desirable for the universities to liaise with the professional institutions closely for the purposes of knowledge updating and curriculum benchmarking. The idea about specialization and professional knowledge is briefly outlined at paragraphs 1.3, 1.6 and 1.13 at Chapter 1. However, we would like to see an additional recommendation regarding the role and the contribution of professional institutions in the Higher Education System.

On the other hand, we have reservation with Recommendation 7, about the manpower planning requirements in the allocation of first-year, first degree places. It is suggested in the Report that the aforesaid requirements should be abolished or considerably loosened. If inaccurate projection of requirement under different professions is the major reason for the

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recommendation we cannot see any possibility of improving the matching of “graduate supply and professions’ demand” by abolishing the manpower planning requirements. The matching problem will just become worse thus causing more substantial resource wastage.

We know there will be an increasing demand for surveyors in the foreseeable future due to:

- (1) implementation of the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme;
- (2) government’s initiatives in the revitalization of industrial buildings and urban renewal;
- (3) implementation of the major infrastructure projects; and
- (4) rapid urbanization and development in China

Given the foreseeable increase in demand for surveyors, the Institute hopes the Review Group will explore new ways to develop and provide more education training for development and to increase the number of student intakes into the undergraduate surveying programmes offered by the University of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and City University of Hong Kong.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

  
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