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Dear Miss Yu,

Supplementary Information
Requested by Members in Panel on Education Meeting on 9 May 2011

At the Legislative Council Panel on Education meeting on 9 May 2011, Members requested that supplementary information be provided in relation to the proposal to inject \$250 million into the HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund (the Fund). The information is set out as follows -

- (a) A breakdown of the places of origin of non-local recipients of scholarships under the Fund
The information for 2008/09 to 2010/11 academic years is at Annex A.
- (b) Percentage of non-local recipients of scholarship who stayed and settled down for employment in Hong Kong after graduation out of the total number of non-local recipients of scholarship
The information for 2008/09 and 2009/10 academic years is at Annex B.

(c) Measures to retain non-local recipients of scholarship to stay in Hong Kong after graduation

Since 2008, the Government has implemented the following measures to retain non-local graduates, including non-local recipients of scholarships under the Fund, in Hong Kong –

- (i) Non-local fresh graduates, upon application, may be granted 12 months' stay without any condition.
- (ii) Applications from non-local graduates for visa/entry permit to stay (or return to) and work in Hong Kong will be favourably considered so long as the job is at a level commonly taken up by degree holders and the remuneration package is set at market level.

Whilst we have not attached any condition to require scholarship recipients to stay and work in Hong Kong after graduation, the relaxed immigration measure has served as a valuable means to retain talent. Since the relaxation in May 2008, we have approved over 10 000 applications from non-local graduates to stay in Hong Kong. It is also noteworthy that the scholarship recipients will establish social and cultural ties with Hong Kong during their study in Hong Kong, and these ties will be beneficial to Hong Kong wherever they decide to stay after graduation.

(d) Award of scholarships to non-local students by governments of overseas countries including Singapore and Australia

Information on some of the scholarships provided by the Singaporean and Australian governments to non-local students is at Annex C and Annex D respectively.

Yours sincerely,



(Amy Wong)
for Secretary for Education

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Annex A

**HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund
Places of Origin of Non-local Recipients**

(no. of non-local recipients)	2008/2009 academic year	2009/2010 academic year	2010/2011 academic year
<i>East Asia</i>			
Mainland China	55	116	170
Macao	1	4	6
Taiwan	1	4	7
South Korea	--	3	2
<i>South East Asia</i>			
Malaysia	5	12	19
Myanmar	--	2	2
Singapore	--	--	1
<i>South Asia</i>			
India	1	1	1
Pakistan	1	1	2
Sri Lanka	--	1	1
<i>North America</i>			
USA	1	5	4
Canada	1	1	--
<i>Europe</i>			
Lithuania	--	1	1
Poland	--	1	1
Portugal	--	1	--
<i>Africa</i>			
Mauritius	--	--	1
Tunisia	1	--	--
Zimbabwe	1	1	1
<i>Australasia</i>			
Australia	--	--	1
New Zealand	--	1	--
Total:	68	155	220

HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund
Number and percentage of graduates who stayed in Hong Kong

	2008/09 academic year (total non-local recipients: 68)		2009/10 academic year (total non-local recipients: 155)	
	No. of non-local recipients who graduated	% of non-local recipients who graduated	No. of non-local recipients who graduated	% of non-local recipients who graduated
Work in Hong Kong after graduation	2	40%	9	29%
Pursue further study in Hong Kong after graduation	1	20%	6	19%
Leave Hong Kong after graduation	2	40%	12	39%
Information not available	0	-	4	13%
Total	5	100%	31	100%

**Summary of Major Scholarships offered by Singaporean Government
For Non-local Students Studying in Singapore**

Types of Scholarship Award	Study Level	Award Duration	Content of Award / Terms and Conditions
ASEAN¹ Scholarships (for nationals in ASEAN countries except Singapore)			
(a) ASEAN Scholarships for Brunei, Malaysia and Thailand Nationals			
(i) Secondary One Scholarships (applicable to Brunei and Malaysia Nationals only)	Secondary One to Pre-University Two	6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Allowance of S\$2,200 (Secondary) / S\$2,400 (Pre-University) per annum with hostel accommodation ➤ Settling-in allowance of S\$400 (once only) ➤ Economy class air passage to Singapore and back to home country upon completion of course ➤ Waiver of school fees (excluding miscellaneous fees) ➤ Waiver of GCE O-Level and A-Level (or equivalent) examination fees (once only, if applicable) ➤ Subsidized medical benefits and accident insurance cover ➤ Bridging course (if applicable, in Singapore before start of course) ➤ No bond attached to the scholarship
(ii) Secondary Three Scholarships	Secondary Three to Pre-University Two	4 years	-- ditto --

Types of Scholarship Award	Study Level	Award Duration	Content of Award / Terms and Conditions
(iii) Pre-University One Scholarships	Pre-University studies	2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Allowance of S\$2,400 per annum with hostel accommodation ➤ Settling-in allowance of S\$500 (one-time) ➤ Economy class air passage to Singapore and back to home country upon completion of scholarship term ➤ Waiver of school fees (excluding miscellaneous fees) ➤ Waiver of GCE A-Level (or equivalent) examination fees (once only, if applicable) ➤ Subsidized medical benefits and accident insurance cover ➤ No bond attached to the scholarship
(b) ASEAN Scholarships for Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao P.D.R., Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam Nationals	Secondary Three to Pre-University Two	4 years	Same as “Secondary Three Scholarships” for ASEAN Scholarships for Brunei, Malaysia and Thailand Nationals
(c) ASEAN Undergraduate Scholarships	Undergraduate	Normal duration of full-time undergraduate courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Only applicable to first year full-time undergraduate students, Singaporean citizens are ineligible to apply ➤ Covers tuition fees and annual living allowance of S\$5,800 ➤ Recipients may not concurrently hold any other scholarship, fellowship, grant or award without prior approval from the Universities ➤ No bond attached to the scholarship
Hong Kong Scholarships (for Hong Kong students)			
(a) Hong Kong Primary Scholarships (Special / Merit Awards)	Primary One to Six	6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Allowance of S\$1,000 (Primary School Merit Award) / S\$2,000 (Primary School Special Award) per annum ➤ Waiver of school fees (excluding miscellaneous fees) ➤ One-month English Language Immersion Course ➤ No bond attached to the scholarship

Types of Scholarship Award	Study Level	Award Duration	Content of Award / Terms and Conditions
(b) Hong Kong Secondary Scholarships	Secondary One to Pre-University Two	Tenable from level of entry up to Pre-University Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Allowance of S\$2,200 (Secondary) / S\$2,400 (Pre-University) per annum with hostel accommodation ➤ Settling-in allowance of S\$400 (once only) ➤ Economy class air passage to Singapore and back to home country upon completion of scholarship term ➤ Waiver of school fees (excluding miscellaneous fees) ➤ Waiver of GCE O-Level and A-Level examination fees (once only, if applicable) ➤ Subsidized medical benefits and accident insurance cover ➤ Bridging course (if applicable, in Singapore before start of course) ➤ No bond attached to the scholarship
(c) Hong Kong Pre-University Scholarships	Pre-University studies	2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Allowance of S\$2,400 per annum with hostel accommodation ➤ Settling-in allowance of S\$500 (once only) ➤ Economy class air passage to Singapore and back to home country upon completion of scholarship term ➤ Waiver of school fees (excluding miscellaneous fees) ➤ Waiver of GCE A-Level examination fees (once only, if applicable) ➤ Subsidized medical benefits and accident insurance cover ➤ No bond attached to the scholarship

Types of Scholarship Award	Study Level	Award Duration	Content of Award / Terms and Conditions
(d) Hong Kong Undergraduate Scholarships	Undergraduate	Normal duration of full-time undergraduate courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Only tenable for undergraduate studies in the School of Computing, Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Science in National University of Singapore; or Engineering / Science undergraduate degree programme in Nanyang Technological University ➤ Covers tuition fees and all compulsory fees ➤ One-off settling-in allowance of S\$200 ➤ Accommodation allowance ➤ Annual living allowance of S\$6,000 ➤ One-way air passage from home country to Singapore at the beginning of the course of study and return air passage upon completion of the course of study ➤ Recipients may not concurrently hold any other scholarship, fellowship, grant or award without prior approval from the Universities ➤ Recipients required to serve a six-year bond with the sponsoring company, its subsidiaries or other approved Singapore-registered companies
A*STAR India Youth Scholarship (for nationals of India)	Secondary Three to Pre-University Two	4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Allowance of S\$2,200 (Secondary) / S\$2,400 (Pre-University) per annum with hostel accommodation ➤ Settling-in allowance of S\$400 (once only) ➤ Economy class air passage to Singapore and back to home country upon completion of course ➤ Waiver of school fees (excluding miscellaneous fees) ➤ Waiver of GCE O-Level and A-Level examination fees (once only, if applicable) ➤ Subsidized medical benefits and accident insurance cover ➤ No bond attached to the scholarship

¹ ASEAN countries comprise Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam

Summary of Scholarships offered by Australian Government to Non-local Students

Types of Scholarship Award	Study Level	Award Duration	Total Award Value / Terms and Conditions
<p>Endeavour Awards (for citizens of the Asia-Pacific, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia) (Around 500 – 600 awards are offered per year; award holders are expected to return to their home country at the completion of their programme)</p> <p>(a) Endeavour Postgraduate Awards</p> <p>(b) Endeavour Research Fellowships</p> <p>(c) Endeavour Vocational Education and Training Awards</p> <p>(d) Endeavour Executive Awards</p>	<p>Postgraduate study / research for an Australian Masters degree or PhD</p> <p>Research towards a Masters degree or PhD in home country; or postdoctoral research</p> <p>Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree</p> <p>Professional Development</p>	<p>Up to 2 years for a Masters Up to 4 years for a PhD</p> <p>4 – 6 months</p> <p>1 – 2.5 years</p> <p>1 – 4 months</p>	<p>➤ Up to A\$228,500 (including tuition fees, a monthly stipend, travel allowance and establishment allowance, and travel and health insurance)</p> <p>➤ Up to A\$23,500 (including a monthly stipend, travel allowance and establishment allowance, and travel and health insurance)</p> <p>➤ Up to A\$119,500 (including tuition fees, a monthly stipend, travel allowance and establishment allowance, and travel and health insurance)</p> <p>➤ Up to A\$18,500 (including a monthly stipend, travel allowance and establishment allowance, and travel and health insurance)</p>

Types of Scholarship Award	Study Level	Award Duration	Total Award Value / Terms and Conditions
<p>Australian Development Scholarships (for students from developing countries studying in Australia)</p> <p>(Approximately 1,000 awards are offered per year)</p>	<p>Full time undergraduate or postgraduate study at participating Australian universities and Technical and Further Education institutions</p>	<p>Minimum period necessary to complete the academic program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Full tuition fees ➤ Return air travel ➤ Establishment allowance, Contribution to Living Expenses ➤ Introductory Academic Program ➤ Overseas Student Health Cover ➤ Pre-course English fees (if deemed necessary) ➤ Supplementary Academic Support (if deemed necessary) ➤ Fieldwork (for research students) ➤ Awardees are required to return to their country of citizenship for a minimum of two years after completing their scholarship, to contribute to the economic and social development of their country

Types of Scholarship Award	Study Level	Award Duration	Total Award Value / Terms and Conditions
<p>Australian Leadership Award Scholarships (for high achieving students from developing countries studying in Australia)</p> <p>(Up to 200 awards are offered per year)</p>	<p>Postgraduate study at Australian higher education institutions</p>	<p>Available on an annual basis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Full tuition fees ➤ Return air travel ➤ Establishment allowance, Contribution to Living Expenses ➤ Introductory Academic Program ➤ Overseas Student Health Cover ➤ Costs associated with participating in the Leadership Development Program are covered ➤ Awardees are required to return to their country of citizenship for a minimum of two years after completing their scholarship, to contribute to the economic and social development of their country