

Public Works Subcommittee Meeting on 16 May 2012
List of issues requiring follow-up actions by the Administration
before the relevant meeting of the Finance Committee

Item PWSC(2012-13)17
28QJ – Expansion and Improvement of Wanchai Campus of
the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts

Issues

During the discussion of the proposed project “Expansion and Improvement of Wanchai Campus of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts” at the PWSC meeting on 16 May, the Administration has been requested to provide further information regarding Member’s concern in the following area –

- the objectives of the extension programmes of The Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts (HKAPA), the time and space taken up by these programmes in using the main and second campuses of the Academy in Wan Chai and Pokfulam, as well as the performing opportunities for students of these programmes.

Response

The Administration’s response to the issue raised by Member is provided below.

Extension and Continuing Education for Life (EXCEL) Programme provides part-time personal enrichment courses on performing and related arts to the general public and training programmes for corporate bodies. Through these programmes, EXCEL aims to develop a performing arts culture in the community by promoting performing arts to the general public, nurturing arts talents and building audiences.

Most of the EXCEL courses offer performance opportunities. EXCEL also arranges and organizes performance opportunities for its students to enrich their experiences where possible.

Facilities of the HKAPA such as classrooms, dance studios and seminar rooms are rented out to EXCEL when they are not in use by the HKAPA programmes, mainly during weekday evenings, weekends and during summer holidays. For the 12-month period from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012, the total venue hours hired by EXCEL was about 1% of HKAPA’s total available venue hours.