

**For information  
on 13 February 2012**

**Legislative Council Panel on Education**

**Provision of international school places**

**Purpose**

This note provides supplementary information on the Administration's assistance and support to the in-situ expansion of international schools.

**Government's assistance and support**

2. Our assistance and support is summarized in three aspects –
  - (a) when international schools submit applications for in-situ expansion, we would examine their proposals in accordance with the relevant land lease conditions and town planning requirements, and from the perspectives of whether and, if so, how their expansion proposals would contribute to facilitating the development of the schools concerned and the international school sector as a whole. If the expansion proposals would help in increasing the provision of international school places or in enhancing the facilities of the schools concerned in meeting teaching and learning needs, we would consider giving favourable consideration;
  - (b) the Education Bureau will facilitate by serving as the first point of contact and providing one-stop service for the schools concerned in assisting the schools to liaise with relevant authorities including Planning Department, Lands Department and Housing Department, and the relevant District Offices should local consultation be considered necessary; and
  - (c) for any expansion proposals that involve change in land lease requirements or town planning requirements and thus processing by relevant authorities including Lands Department and Planning Department, the Education Bureau will, in view of the merits of each application, consider giving policy support for the applications

concerned and tender advice to the schools for consulting relevant parties such as Town Planning Board and the District Councils as appropriate.

### **In-situ development proposal of Hong Kong International School**

3. A summary account of the latest developments concerning the in-situ development proposal of Hong Kong International School is provided below for Members' reference.

4. When HKIS first approached our Bureau in 2006, we have indicated our support to the expansion plan of the HKIS in July 2006. Our support has contributed to the approval of the planning application in April 2011 submitted by HKIS under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance on the redevelopment of the Tai Tam campus. As regards the redevelopment plan of the Repulse Bay campus, we confirmed our in-principle policy support for the addition of 200 primary school places at the Repulse Bay campus and relevant applications to the Town Planning Board for additional classrooms in September 2011 and on the provision of staff quarters in November 2011. The above policy support was given after prudent examination on the case as well as research.

5. As on the decanting arrangement during the redevelopment of HKIS's Repulse Bay campus, our Bureau has supported HKIS to use the former premises of TWGHs-LKWES Mrs Fung Yiu Hing Memorial Primary School, i.e. Estate School No. 1 Yue Wan Estate, Chai Wan after the offer of some options and site visits since February 2011. Further site visits and liaison meetings were held with HKIS, other relevant Government departments and the local community to assist their further consideration of the site and the subsequent renovation works.

6. For the next steps, we will consult, together with HKIS, Members of the District Development and Environment Committee of the Southern District Council on the redevelopment plan at their Repulse Bay campus on 20 February 2012. With full support from our Bureau, we note that the Town Planning Board will consider HKIS's application in March 2012. We are also planning to consult the Eastern District Council once HKIS's decanting arrangement has been finalized. We will continue to provide facilitation and assistance to HKIS for the smooth implementation of its redevelopment plan and development of the international school sector as a whole.

7. As illustrated in the above case, notwithstanding the co-ordinating role of the Education Bureau and the one-stop service provided in liaising with relevant government departments and authorities, it is necessary for the applicant school to abide by the requirements in submitting justifications and details of their proposal and in consulting the relevant authorities so as to satisfy the relevant land lease conditions and town planning requirements. In other words, the authority to approve the proposed redevelopment projects which involve change in land lease conditions and town planning requirements rest with Lands Department, Planning Department and the Town Planning Board respectively.

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