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**Council meeting of 26 June 2013**

**Amendments to motion on  
“Enhancing the quality and quantity of  
local tertiary education”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 677/12-13 issued on 13 June 2013, seven Members (Hon Gary FAN, Hon Starry LEE, Hon KWOK Wai-keung, Hon Michael TIEN, Dr Hon Helena WONG, Hon CHAN Chi-chuen and Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG) have respectively given notices of their intention to move separate amendments to Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN’s motion on “Enhancing the quality and quantity of local tertiary education” scheduled for the Council meeting of 26 June 2013. As directed by the President, the respective amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the seven Members who wish to move amendments to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:

- (i) Hon Gary FAN;
  - (ii) Hon Starry LEE;
  - (iii) Hon KWOK Wai-keung;
  - (iv) Hon Michael TIEN;
  - (v) Dr Hon Helena WONG;
  - (vi) Hon CHAN Chi-chuen; and
  - (vii) Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG;
- (d) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
- (f) the President gives leave to Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN to speak for the second time on the amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak again;
- (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the seven Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon Gary FAN to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon Gary FAN's amendment;
- (i) after Hon Gary FAN's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other six amendments; and
- (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

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for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on  
“Enhancing the quality and quantity of  
local tertiary education”  
to be held at the Council meeting of 26 June 2013**

**1. Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN’s original motion**

That this Council urges the Administration to take appropriate measures to increase local youngsters’ opportunities to receive subsidized tertiary education, enhance the quality of local tertiary education, and safeguard academic freedom; the specific measures should include:

- (1) to increase the number of places under subsidized undergraduate programmes for the enrolment of local students;
- (2) to immediately conduct a comprehensive review of the various existing financial assistance and loan schemes for tertiary students, so as to provide interest-free loans for qualified tertiary students;
- (3) to set up an independent body to handle complaints from the teaching staff of tertiary institutions and protect the rights of complainants;
- (4) to review the existing research grant system and allocate additional resources to promote diversified academic research;
- (5) to set up an independent statutory body to monitor the operation and quality of self-financing tertiary institutions;
- (6) to allocate additional land to support the development of the various tertiary institutions; and
- (7) to increase the exchange and internship opportunities for tertiary students in different countries and places.

**2. Motion as amended by Hon Gary FAN**

*That in recent years, the number of non-local students enrolling in publicly-funded tertiary education programmes has continued to rise, and the proportion of non-local student enrolment in research postgraduate*

*programmes in the 2011-2012 academic year was even as high as 72%; they are from homogeneous places of origin, mainly from Mainland China; in this connection,* this Council urges the Administration to take appropriate measures to increase local youngsters' opportunities to receive subsidized tertiary education, enhance the quality of local tertiary education, and safeguard academic freedom; the specific measures should include:

- (1) to increase the ~~number of places under~~ ***proportion of local student enrolment in*** subsidized undergraduate programmes ~~for the enrolment of local students;~~
- (2) to immediately conduct a comprehensive review of the various existing financial assistance and loan schemes for tertiary students, so as to provide interest-free loans for qualified tertiary students;
- (3) to set up an independent body to handle complaints from the teaching staff of tertiary institutions and protect the rights of complainants;
- (4) to review the existing research grant system and allocate additional resources to promote diversified academic research;
- (5) to set up an independent statutory body to monitor the operation and quality of self-financing tertiary institutions;
- (6) to allocate additional land to support the development of the various tertiary institutions; ~~and~~
- (7) to increase the exchange and internship opportunities for tertiary students in different countries and places;
- (8) ***to study the restoration of the ceiling of non-local student enrolment in the associate degree, degree and taught postgraduate programmes offered by institutions funded by the University Grants Committee ('UGC') to the pre-2008 level of 10% of the approved UGC-funded student number for such programmes;***
- (9) ***to increase the proportion of local student enrolment in research postgraduate programmes, and encourage local students to conduct research work;***
- (10) ***to review the policies on offering self-financing taught master programmes and admitting students to such programmes;***
- (11) ***to increase the number of articulation places for associate degree students for the degree programmes of local universities;***

- (12) *to require various institutions in Hong Kong to put local education first and not to blindly compete for entering the Mainland to set up branch campuses;*
- (13) *to encourage various institutions to give priority to employing local academics when their qualifications are on a par with those of foreign academics, and put forward measures for eradicating institutions' discrimination against local academics in areas such as teaching ranks, post titles, employment conditions, remunerations, fringe benefits, and the right to participate in the governance structure, etc.;*
- (14) *to maintain the diversity of Hong Kong's education and the balance between the average humanistic quality and knowledge in society, to allocate more resources for supporting various institutions in developing disciplines such as arts, social science, language science, pure science and fine arts, etc., which relatively lack the ability to attract research funding from the market, so as to avoid the lopsided development of university education towards the market and the industrial and commercial industries; and*
- (15) *to study the enhancement of monitoring of fee charging by post-secondary colleges and private universities, and set up an independent mechanism for handling complaints about fee charging and arbitration to avoid any unreasonable and unfair fee charging, so as to protect students' rights and interests.*

Note: Hon Gary FAN's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

### **3. Motion as amended by Hon Starry LEE**

That, *as upgrading young people's academic qualifications is conducive to enhancing Hong Kong's overall competitiveness*, this Council urges the Administration to take appropriate measures to increase local youngsters' opportunities to receive subsidized tertiary education, enhance the quality of local tertiary education, and safeguard academic freedom; the specific measures should include:

- (1) *to increase the number of subsidized university places, and* to increase the number of places under subsidized undergraduate programmes for the enrolment of local students;

- (2) *to study the setting up of a post-secondary education fund for subsidizing sub-degree graduates to study in self-financing tertiary institutions;*
- ~~(2)~~(3) to immediately conduct a comprehensive review of the various existing financial assistance and loan schemes for tertiary students, so as to provide interest-free loans for qualified tertiary students;
- ~~(3)~~(4) ~~to set up an independent body to handle complaints from the teaching staff of tertiary institutions and~~ *examine the various tertiary institutions' implementation of the guidelines of best practices in teaching staff redress mechanisms recommended by the University Grants Committee and assess their effectiveness, so as to* protect the rights of complainants;
- ~~(4)~~(5) to review the existing research grant system and allocate additional resources to promote diversified academic research;
- ~~(5)~~(6) to set up an independent statutory body to monitor the operation and quality of self-financing tertiary institutions;
- ~~(6)~~(7) to allocate additional land to support the development of the various tertiary institutions; and
- ~~(7)~~(8) to increase the exchange and internship opportunities for tertiary students in different countries and places.

Note: Hon Starry LEE's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

#### **4. Motion as amended by Hon KWOK Wai-keung**

That, *a survey has earlier pointed out that in Hong Kong, the disparity between children of poor families and those of rich families in receiving university education has been widening day by day, making people worry that Hong Kong's tertiary education cannot effectively provide the grassroots with quality education for achieving the effects of getting rid of poverty and social mobility*, this Council urges the Administration to take appropriate measures to increase *the opportunities for* local youngsters'—~~opportunities~~, *particularly indigent students*, to receive subsidized tertiary education, enhance the quality of local tertiary education, and safeguard academic freedom; *to enable youngsters to have an equal opportunity to receive tertiary education*, the specific measures should include:

- (1) to increase the number of places under subsidized undergraduate programmes for the enrolment of local students;
- (2) to immediately conduct a comprehensive review of the various existing financial assistance and loan schemes for tertiary students, so as to provide interest-free loans for qualified tertiary students, *and reduce the exorbitant costs and long-term debts borne by indigent students for receiving higher education, so that the student financial assistance schemes can achieve the desired effects to enable more indigent students to receive tertiary education;*
- (3) to set up an independent body to handle complaints from the teaching staff of tertiary institutions and protect the rights of complainants;
- (4) to review the existing research grant system and allocate additional resources to promote diversified academic research;
- (5) to set up an independent statutory body to monitor the *fees*, operation and quality of self-financing tertiary institutions;
- (6) to allocate additional land to support the development of the various tertiary institutions; ~~and~~
- (7) to increase the exchange and internship opportunities for tertiary students in different countries and places;
- (8) *to review the existing admission and assessment system of tertiary education to enable students from various categories of subsidized secondary schools as well as different social classes and strata to have an equal opportunity to further their studies in universities; and*
- (9) *to enhance the practicality of programmes offered by tertiary institutions, and strengthen vocational education for students.*

Note: Hon KWOK Wai-keung's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

## **5. Motion as amended by Hon Michael TIEN**

That, *as a research report of an international organization pointed out last year that Hong Kong people's English standard was declining*, this Council urges the Administration to take appropriate measures to increase local youngsters' opportunities to receive subsidized tertiary education, enhance the

quality of local tertiary education *and tertiary students' English proficiency*, and safeguard academic freedom; the specific measures should include:

- (1) *to carry on the English Enhancement Scheme and the Refined English Enhancement Scheme under the Language Fund to continuously enhance English teachers' language proficiency, so as to enhance the English standard of prospective university students;*
- (2) *to introduce a compulsory exit English examination, under which students enrolling in subsidized and self-financing degree and sub-degree programmes must undergo an English language assessment before graduation and have their English assessment results shown in their graduation certificates, so as to make students face up to the importance of English and encourage them to make efforts to raise their English standard;*
- (1)(3) to increase the number of places under subsidized undergraduate programmes for the enrolment of local students;
- (2)(4) to immediately conduct a comprehensive review of the various existing financial assistance and loan schemes for tertiary students, so as to provide interest-free loans for *the means-tested and* qualified tertiary students;
- (3) ~~to set up an independent body to handle complaints from the teaching staff of tertiary institutions and protect the rights of complainants;~~
- (4)(5) to review the existing research grant system and allocate additional resources to promote diversified academic research;
- (5)(6) to set up an independent statutory body to monitor the operation and quality of self-financing tertiary institutions;
- (6)(7) to allocate additional land to support the development of the various tertiary institutions; and
- (7)(8) to increase the exchange and internship opportunities for tertiary students in different countries and places.

Note: Hon Michael TIEN's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.



## **6. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Helena WONG**

That this Council urges the Administration to take appropriate measures to increase local youngsters' opportunities to receive subsidized tertiary education, enhance the quality of local tertiary education, and safeguard academic freedom; the specific measures should include:

- (1) to increase the number of places under subsidized undergraduate programmes for the enrolment of local students, *increase the channels for associate degree graduates for further studies in subsidized universities, and set a ceiling on the number of places for non-local students enrolling in research postgraduate programmes;*
- (2) to immediately conduct a comprehensive review of the various existing financial assistance and loan schemes for tertiary students, so as to provide interest-free loans for qualified tertiary students;
- (3) to set up an independent body to handle complaints from the teaching staff of tertiary institutions and protect the rights of complainants;
- (4) to review the existing research grant system and allocate additional resources to promote diversified academic research;
- (5) to set up an independent statutory body to monitor the operation and quality of self-financing tertiary institutions;
- (6) to allocate additional land to support the development of the various tertiary institutions; and
- (7) to increase the exchange and internship opportunities for tertiary students in different countries and places.

Note: Dr Hon Helena WONG's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.

## **7. Motion as amended by Hon CHAN Chi-chuen**

That this Council urges the Administration to take appropriate measures to increase local youngsters' opportunities to receive subsidized tertiary education, enhance the quality of local tertiary education, and safeguard academic freedom; the specific measures should include:

- (1) to increase the number of places under subsidized undergraduate programmes for the enrolment of local students;

- (2) to immediately conduct a comprehensive review of the various existing financial assistance and loan schemes for tertiary students, so as to provide interest-free loans for qualified tertiary students;
- (3) to set up an independent body to handle complaints from the teaching staff of tertiary institutions and protect the rights of complainants;
- (4) to review the existing research grant system, *set a quota of places under postgraduate programmes for priority enrolment of local students* and allocate additional resources to promote diversified *and local-related* academic research;
- (5) to set up an independent statutory body to monitor the operation and quality of self-financing tertiary institutions;
- (6) to allocate additional land to support the development of the various tertiary institutions; and
- (7) to increase the exchange and internship opportunities for tertiary students in different countries and places.

Note: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.

## **8. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG**

That this Council urges the Administration to take appropriate measures to increase local youngsters' opportunities to receive subsidized tertiary education, enhance the quality of local tertiary education, and safeguard academic freedom; the specific measures should include:

- (1) to increase the number of places under subsidized undergraduate programmes for the enrolment of local students;
- (2) to immediately conduct a comprehensive review of the various existing financial assistance and loan schemes for tertiary students, so as to provide interest-free loans for qualified tertiary students;
- (3) to set up an independent body to handle complaints from the teaching staff of tertiary institutions and protect the rights of complainants;
- (4) to review the existing research grant system and allocate additional resources to promote diversified academic research;

- (5) to set up an independent statutory body to monitor the operation and quality of self-financing tertiary institutions;
- (6) to allocate additional land to support the development of the various tertiary institutions; ~~and~~
- (7) to increase the exchange and internship opportunities for tertiary students in different countries and places;
- (8) *to carry out democratization of school administration in tertiary institutions, and allow teaching staff and students to participate in deciding the policies of institutions, including the selection of vice-chancellors, so as to improve the quality of governance in institutions; and*
- (9) *to ensure that tertiary institutions should adopt serving Hong Kong and communities as their mission, including increasing the proportion of local students in the postgraduate student population, encouraging academics to conduct local and community research, and encouraging institutions to strengthen ties with their respective communities, so as to promote relations with communities and enable communities to support the development of institutions for enhancing the quality of education.*

Note: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.