

Pui Ching Academy

Written submission to LegCo Panel on Education
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Pui Ching Academy (培正專業書院) is a non-profit making education institution under the governance of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong. With a mission to deliver quality post-secondary education to the youngsters in Hong Kong, the School has been accredited by HKCAAVQ with the capability of offering programmes pitching at QF level 4.

In view of the agenda of the meeting, we would like to express our ideas on maintaining healthy development of self-financing post-secondary education in Hong Kong.

The issue of over-enrolment in the academic year of 2012-2013

We believe that the issue of over-enrolment is a short-term problem. The reoccurrence of this issue can be avoided by self-improvement measures to be enforced by individual institutions. As a useful reference for institutions to prevent over-enrolment, quality assurance bodies should make recommendations on critical measurements for assuring quality of teaching and learning, such as minimum physical space per student.

Extra financial support to start-up post-secondary institutions

Our children are different in aspiration and abilities; they all deserve a diverse range of choices that lead to different fulfilling careers. Self-financing institutions can play a critical role to maintain diversity in tertiary education. To meet the huge and immediate demand of the graduates of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education, the government should focus on setting up an action plan in assisting start-up institutions that are planning to offer Bachelor's degree programmes.

To shorten the duration for the development of a sizeable teaching infrastructure, we urge the government to provide extra financial support to committed non-profit making institutions like Pui Ching Academy in the forms of special start-up grants and/or start-up matching grants.