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Dear Miss Yeung,

Issues concerning the Community College of City University

Thank you for your letter dated 30 June 2014 to the Secretary for Education inviting the Education Bureau (EDB) to provide a written response to the issues concerning the Community College of City University (CCCU) raised in the letter dated 27 June 2014 from Dr Hon Helena Wong to the Chairman of the Panel on Education. Our reply is set out below.

Post-secondary institutions in Hong Kong enjoy a high degree of autonomy in academic development and administration. However, good communication should be maintained regarding any arrangements involving staff and students.

The City University of Hong Kong (CityU) has informed the EDB of its initial ideas on the future development of CCCU but a decision had yet to be made. Given the potential impacts of the development on its staff and students, the EDB has made it clear to CityU that any arrangements have to take into account the interests of the existing students and staff, as well as the quality and recognition of programmes.

In 2005, the Government granted a loan of \$599,500,000 to CityU for constructing new premises for CCCU to provide self-financing post-secondary programmes. A loan agreement, which specified the uses of the premises, was signed between the Government and CityU in 2007. CityU started to repay the loan in 2009 until it was fully repaid in 2013, followed by the termination of the loan agreement. Nevertheless, the EDB strongly recommended at that time that CityU should take into account the interests of CCCU's students in the use of the premises. Besides, the Government granted another loan of \$44,756,000 to CityU in 2002 for renting and refurbishing commercial premises in Kowloon Bay as the campus for CCCU. CityU also repaid the loan in full in 2013.

The EDB will continue to keep in view the future development of CCCU.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Education