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Panel on Education

**Subcommittee to Study the Implementation of
Free Kindergarten Education**

**Minutes of the tenth meeting
held on Saturday, 4 July 2015, at 9:00 am
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** : Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP (Chairman)
Hon IP Kin-yuen (Deputy Chairman)
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP
- Members absent** : Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok

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Item II (Session Three)

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Item II (Session Four)

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Mr Jim LAU Sze-yuen
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Ms CHUNG Kam-ling
Principal

Pentecostal Church Of Hong Kong Nam Cheong
Nursery School

Ms CHAN Siu-ling
Principal

Mr CHIK Pun-shing

Dr YU Wai-bing

The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong

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Ms LAW Kim-ling
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New People's Party

Mr CHENG Chit-pun
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Progressive Teachers' Alliance

Ms SY On-na
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Christian & Missionary Alliance Social Services

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Dr Gail YUEN
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Civic Party

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關心長全日家長會

Ms HUI Hung-yi
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Miss CHAN Choi-yee
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Item II (Session Two)

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Miss LO Ka-wai

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Miss LAU Tze-ka

Item II (Session Four)

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Miss CHAN Fung-yi

Miss SZETO Wai-man

Miss TING Wing-yue

Miss CHUN Ka-yan

Ms TAI Sau-fong

Miss KO Suk-yee

Miss LEE Shuk-yi

Miss Maggie YIP

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Miss LEUNG Oi-wah

Miss FOO Hang-hoi

Miss NG Suk-man

Miss CHAN Mei-kuen

Miss YEUNG Chau-mui

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Ms KO Yuk-ping

Miss CHAN Wai-yee

Miss LEUNG Po-yue

ELCHK Grace Nursery School

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太子學童關注組

Miss LEE Xian-chun

天水圍學童關注組

Miss LI Qin

Alliance for Children Development Rights

Miss HO Yu-ying

幼師薪酬關注組

Dr CHOI Yuk-lin
Convenor

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Chief Council Secretary (4) 4

Staff in attendance : Mr KWONG Kam-fai
Senior Council Secretary (4) 4

Miss Mandy NG
Council Secretary (4) 4

Ms Sandy HAU
Legislative Assistant (4) 4

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Legislative Assistant (4) 7

Miss Emma LAM
Clerical Assistant (4) 3

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I. Extension of the period of work of the Subcommittee

(LC Paper No. CB(4)1265/14-15(01) -- Paper prepared by
Legislative Council
Secretariat)

The Subcommittee agreed that in the light of the work ahead, it would seek the agreement of the Panel on Education ("the Panel") and the approval of the House Committee to extend the period of its work for six more months until 30 April 2016.

(Post-meeting note: At the meeting held on 15 July 2015, the Panel agreed that the Subcommittee could proceed to seek the House Committee's approval to extend its period of work for six months.)

II. Report of the Committee on Free Kindergarten Education

(LC Paper No. CB(4)1080/14-15(01) -- Letter dated 28 May
2015 from the Education
Bureau

LC Paper No. CB(4)1080/14-15(02) -- The executive summary
of the Report of the
Committee on Free
Kindergarten Education

LC Paper No. CB(4)1102/14-15(01) -- Report of the Committee
on Free Kindergarten
Education)

ActionOther papersWritten submission from deputations / individuals not attending the Meeting

- (LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14-15(17) -- Submission from Oxfam Hong Kong
- LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14-15(16) -- Submission from Hong Kong Christian Service (*Chinese version only*)
- LC Paper No. CB(4)1238/14-15(01) -- Submission from Committee On Home-School Cooperation (*Chinese version only*)
- LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14-15(14) -- Submission from Federation of Parent Teacher Association of Islands District (*Chinese version only*)
- LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14-15(18) -- Submission from Heep Hong Parents' Association (*Chinese version only*)

Meeting with deputations / individuals and the Administration for agenda item II

2. Members noted that Session Three of the meeting to be held at 2:05 pm in the afternoon would be held to receive deputations' views exclusively on support for kindergarten ("KG") students with special needs.

3. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

4. The Administration was requested to provide the following information –

- (a) an account of the current mechanism for identification and assessment of children with special needs (including the waiting time required) and the services provided by the Hospital Authority and relevant departments;

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- (b) details of the two initiatives to be launched by the Social Welfare Department, namely the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses and the pilot scheme to provide on-site rehabilitation services in KGs or KG-cum-Child Care Centres for children with special needs with support by the Lotteries Fund; and
- (c) the initiatives implemented by the Administration on parent education, as well as the support provided for parents of children with special needs.

III. Any other business

- 5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:20 pm.

Council Business Division 4
Legislative Council Secretariat
25 August 2015

**Proceedings of the tenth meeting of the
Subcommittee to Study the Implementation of
Free Kindergarten Education
on Saturday, 4 July 2015, at 9:00 am
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

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<i>Agenda Item I - Extension of the period of work of the Subcommittee</i>			
000425 - 000549	Chairman	The Subcommittee agreed to seek the agreement of the Panel on Education and the approval of the House Committee for the extension of the period of its work for six more months until 30 April 2016.	
<i>Agenda Item II - Report of the Committee on Free Kindergarten Education ("the KG Committee")</i>			
<i>Session One</i>			
000550 - 001122	Chairman Education Bureau ("EDB")	Opening remarks EDB remarked that the KG Committee had submitted its report to the Administration on 28 May 2015 and public consultation was underway until end of July 2015. After examining the recommendations of the KG Committee and the views of the public and stakeholders, the Administration would formulate policies and specific measures to foster the sustainable development of quality KG education.	
001123 - 001435	Chairman Early Childhood Education Administrators Association (Hong Kong)	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14-15(01)]	
001436 - 001731	Chairman Miss CHAN Chu-yi	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14-15(02)]	
001732 - 001941	Chairman 竹園區神召會社會服 務部	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1276/14-15(01)]	
001942 - 002242	Chairman Pentecostal Church Of Hong Kong Tseung Kwan O Nursery School	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14-15(03)]	
002243 - 002548	Chairman Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong Tai Wo Nursery School	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1276/14-15(02)]	

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002549 - 002853	Chairman Pentecostal Church Of Hong Kong Nam Cheong Nursery School	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1276/14-15(03)]	
002854 - 003157	Chairman Mr CHIK Pun-shing	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14-15(04)]	
003158 - 003507	Chairman Dr YU Wai-bing	Presentation of views	
003508 - 003818	Chairman The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14-15(01)]	
003819 - 004128	Chairman Caritas Hong Kong – Pre-school Education and Child Care Service	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1276/14-15(04)]	
004129 - 004434	Chairman New People's Party	Presentation of views	
004435 - 004729	Chairman Progressive Teachers' Alliance	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1276/14-15(05)]	
004730 - 005039	Chairman Hong Kong Early Childhood Educators Association	Presentation of views	
005040 - 005348	Chairman Christian & Missionary Alliance Social Services	Presentation of views	
005349 - 005656	Chairman Alliance on the Fight for 15-year Free Education	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14-15(02)]	
005657 - 010003	Chairman Civic Party	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14-15(05)]	
010004 - 010309	Chairman Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14-15(06)]	
010310 - 010611	Chairman Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1276/14-15(06)]	

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010612 - 010918	Chairman Faculty of Education, the University of Hong Kong	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14- 15(03)]	
010919 - 011217	Chairman The Lion Rock Institute	Presentation of views	
011218 - 011526	Chairman Five Districts Business Welfare Association Cheung Chuk Shan Nursery School Cheung Chuk Shan Kindergarten Parents-Teacher Association	Presentation of views	
011527 - 011834	Chairman 關心長全日家長會	Presentation of views	
011835 - 012144	Chairman Five Districts Business Welfare Association Cheung Chuk Shan Nursery School Cheung Chuk Shan Kindergarten	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14- 15(07)]	
012145 - 012453	Chairman 關注十五年免費教育聯盟	Presentation of views	
012454 - 012748	Chairman Tseung Kwan O Methodist Kindergarten	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14- 15(04)]	
012749 - 013058	Chairman 長全日幼師聯盟	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14- 15(08)]	
013059 - 013359	Chairman Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1276/14- 15(15)]	
013400 - 013712	Chairman Mr WONG Kwok-kei	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14- 15(09)]	
013713 - 014023	Chairman Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Cheung Ching Nursery School	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14- 15(05)]	

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014024 - 014340	Chairman The Hong Kong Council of Social Service	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14-15(10)]	
014341 - 014641	Chairman The Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14-15(11)]	
014642 - 014955	Chairman Education Convergence	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14-15(12)]	
014956 - 015304	Chairman Liberal Party	Presentation of views	
015305 - 015606	Chairman Council of Non-profit Making Organizations for Pre-primary Education	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1276/14-15(08)]	
015607 - 020445	Chairman EDB	<p>EDB noted the views expressed by deputations and advised that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) according to the KG Committee, from the educational perspective, existing evidence precluded drawing conclusions that whole-day ("WD")/long whole-day ("LWD") KG services, compared with half-day ("HD") KG services, would necessarily lead to more positive developmental outcomes in children; (b) the KG Committee was of the view that the quality of the teachers and the curriculum, whether on a WD or HD basis, were the key factors for quality KG education. HD programmes would also allow more time for young children to play and interact with their family in a less structured but more relaxing setting; (c) the KG Committee had made reference to the level of tuition fees of WD and HD KG services, and found that the former was 50% to 60% higher than the latter. For prudent use of public resources and premised on the concept that the extra cost should be borne by the Government and the parents on a sharing basis, the KG Committee recommended that the Government should consider providing an additional grant at 25% to 30% of the basic funding for HD KG services to eligible KGs offering WD places; (d) in view of the extra hours of services of LWD KGs, the KG Committee recommended offering 	

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		<p>them additional resources to employ one to three headcounts on top of the additional grant for WD services;</p> <p>(e) to ensure proper use of public funds, there should be a ceiling on the amount of rental subsidy to be provided for KGs. Parents should bear the cost in excess if they opted for KGs operating in premises with rental exceeding government subsidies; and</p> <p>(f) upon implementation of the KG Committee's recommendations, the Government's investment in education would increase.</p>	
020446 - 021057	<p>Chairman Mr CHAN Chi-chuen Dr Fernando CHEUNG</p>	<p>Mr CHAN noted the strong views of deputations that WD/LWD KG services should be fully subsidized under the future KG education policy.</p> <p>Dr CHEUNG considered that WD/LWD KGs had been providing valuable services to grassroot families with dual working parents and the demand for such services had always exceeded the supply.</p>	
021058 - 021405	<p>Mr WONG Kwok-hing EDB</p>	<p>Mr WONG opined that there should be more WD/LWD places in view of the keen demand. He considered that a mandatory salary scale for KG teachers should be established in order to attract and retain talents.</p> <p>EDB advised that –</p> <p>(a) a mandatory salary scale might not be the only means to maintain a stable teaching force for the KG sector; and</p> <p>(b) the salary-related practices of the aided primary and secondary schools contained several interconnected components which were subject to a basket of control measures under the Government. It might not be appropriate to apply these practices to KGs.</p>	
021406 - 022031	<p>Deputy Chairman Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che EDB</p>	<p>The Deputy Chairman noted that most of the attending deputations were disappointed at the report of the KG Committee. He was also concerned that the KG Committee had made a lot of reference to research studies and overseas practices, but without due regard to local research or circumstances.</p> <p>Mr CHEUNG was concerned that the recommended way forward of the KG Committee could not fully meet the expectation of the KG sector.</p> <p>EDB took note of members' concern and would maintain close communication with the KG sector on the way forward.</p>	

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022032 - 022340	Chairman	The Chairman considered that an additional subsidy of 25% to 30% of the basic funding might not provide sufficient incentive for KGs to increase the provision of WD/LWD services. She urged the Administration to formulate a long-term plan for implementing 15 years of free education.	
022341 - 022907	Break		
<i>Session Two</i>			
022908 - 023032	Chairman	Opening remarks	
023033 - 023343	Chairman Hong Kong Christian Service Early Childhood Education Service	Presentation of views	
023344 - 023655	Chairman The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service	Presentation of views	
023656 - 024007	Chairman Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong On Keung Nursery School	Presentation of views	
024008 - 024318	Chairman HKSPC Butterfly Estate Nursery School	Presentation of views	
024319 - 024626	Chairman HKSPC SIA Whampoa Nursery School	Presentation of views	
024627 - 024805	Chairman Mr LEE Chung-lun	Presentation of views	
024806 - 025106	Chairman Democratic Party	Presentation of views	
025107 - 025413	Chairman Mr CHONG Chun-shun	Presentation of views	
025414 - 025726	Chairman Miss CHAN Han-ying	Presentation of views	
025727 - 030036	Chairman OMEP Hong Kong	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14-15(06)]	
030037 - 030347	Chairman Five Districts Business Welfare Association Nursery Kindergarten	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14-15(13)]	

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030348 - 030613	Chairman Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong	Presentation of views	
030614 - 030903	Chairman Ms LAU Wing-han	Presentation of views	
030904 - 031150	Chairman Miss CHENG Tsz-yan	Presentation of views	
031151 - 031455	Chairman Miss CHEUNG Mei-ching	Presentation of views	
031456 - 031801	Chairman Whole Day Nursery Principal Association	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14- 15(07)]	
031802 - 032113	Chairman The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Kindergarten Nursery School, The Parent- Teacher Association	Presentation of views	
032114 - 032424	Chairman The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Kindergarten	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14- 15(14)]	
032425 - 032732	Chairman The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Nursery School	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1276/14- 15(09)]	
032733 - 032941	Chairman Miss Candy LEE Sau-wai	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14- 15(08)]	
032942 - 033251	Chairman Tin Shui Wai Community Development Network	Presentation of views	
033252 - 033559	Chairman BGCAHK Cheerland Nursery cum Kindergarten (Wanchai)	Presentation of views	
033600 - 033825	Chairman Mr NGAN Man-yu	Presentation of views	
033826 - 034138	Chairman Hong Kong Christian Service Chih Ai Parents' Association	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14- 15(09)]	

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034139 - 034441	Chairman Hong Kong Christian Service Lei Cheng Uk Nursery School	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14-15(10)]	
034442 - 034748	Chairman Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14-15(19)]	
034749 - 035054	Chairman Hong Kong Women Workers' Association	Presentation of views	
035055 - 035312	Chairman EDB	<p>In response to the views of the deputations, EDB advised that –</p> <p>(a) the KG Committee had recommended that the existing planning standards for the provision of KGs (i.e. 730 HD and 250 WD places for every 1 000 children in the age group of three to under six) should be revised progressively to 500 HD and 500 WD places for every 1 000 children in the aforesaid age group; and</p> <p>(b) the KG Committee proposed that an additional subsidy should be provided for KGs for the provision of WD places, thus enabling those parents in need of such services to have access to them and at a more affordable cost.</p>	
035313 - 035932	Dr Fernando CHEUNG Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che EDB	<p>Dr CHEUNG noted the strong views expressed by the deputations on the need to fully subsidize WD/LWD KG services.</p> <p>Mr CHEUNG noted with concern the tight timeframe for the Administration to consult stakeholders and formulate the way forward. He considered that the Subcommittee had an important role to play in following up the matter.</p> <p>EDB took note of members' views and concerns.</p>	
035933 - 040259	Mr CHAN Chi-chuen EDB	Mr CHAN was concerned about the division of responsibilities among EDB, the Labour and Welfare Bureau/Social Welfare Department ("SWD"), the Hospital Authority ("HA") and the Department of Health ("DH") over the provision of assessment, rehabilitation and education services for students with special needs. He also expressed doubt whether the recommendation of the "Population Policy" to release more women back to the workforce could be achieved if WD/LWD KG services were not fully subsidized and the women had to take care of their young children.	

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		<p>EDB advised that –</p> <p>(a) the membership of the Sub-committee on Catering for Student Diversity under the KG Committee included representatives from SWD and DH. Hence, the input from the relevant policy bureaux and departments had been taken into consideration in the deliberation process; and</p> <p>(b) the Administration would take into account the objectives of the population policy when formulating measures to implement quality KG education.</p>	
040300 - 040629	Chairman EDB	<p>The Chairman shared many deputations' concern that the existing salaries of many KG teachers might not be commensurate with their qualifications and level of responsibilities. In the absence of a mandatory salary scale, she was concerned about ways, if any, to ensure that KG teachers could receive reasonable remuneration.</p> <p>EDB reiterated that the establishment of a mandatory salary scale might not be the only means to maintain a stable teaching force. Having regard to the recommendations of the consultancy study on Human Resources Requirements And Salary Structure in KGs, the KG Committee had proposed a salary range for each of the teaching positions and core supporting staff positions for reference of KGs. The KG Committee also recommended a clear career ladder for the KG sector.</p>	
040630 - 050744	Lunch Break		
<i>Session Three</i>			
050745 - 051010	Chairman	Opening remarks	
051011 - 051337	Chairman Young Children SEN Concern Group	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1276/14-15(10) and CB(4)1281/14-15(15)]	
051338 - 051646	Chairman The Forthright Caucus	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14-15(16)]	
051647 - 051955	Chairman Miss LEUNG Sze-wan	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14-15(13)]	

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051956 - 052257	Chairman Children & Family Services Centre (Sham Mong Districts), Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	Presentation of views	
052258 - 052542	Chairman Centre for Child Enlightenment, Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	Presentation of views	
052543 - 052851	Chairman HKSPC Cheung Sha Wan Nursery School	Presentation of views	
052852 - 053157	Chairman Neighbourhood and Workers Services Centre	Presentation of views	
053158 - 053507	Chairman HKSPC Hong Kong Bank Foundation Nursery School	Presentation of views	
053508 - 053843	Chairman Special Educational Needs Rights Association	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1276/14- 15(11)]	
053844 - 054146	Chairman Miss LI Fung-tsing	Presentation of views	
054147 - 054430	Chairman Miss SO Wing-sze	Presentation of views	
054431 - 054729	Chairman Miss LO Ka-lai	Presentation of views	
054730 - 055036	Chairman Miss LO Ka-wai	Presentation of views	
055037 - 055341	Chairman The Parents' Association of Pre-school Handicapped Children	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1276/14- 15(12)]	
055342 - 055606	Chairman Miss Queenie LEE Hiu- kwan	Presentation of views	
055607 - 055856	Chairman Mr Jeffery HUI	Presentation of views	
055857 - 060053	Chairman Miss YEUNG Ka-ki	Presentation of views	

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060054 - 060248	Chairman Miss CHENG Yuen-tung	Presentation of views	
060249 - 060559	Chairman Ms SHEK King-fun	Presentation of views	
060600 - 060904	Chairman Miss LAU Tze-ka	Presentation of views	
060905 - 062256	Chairman EDB DH SWD	<p>EDB noted the views of the deputation and advised that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Administration had been providing various services for children with developmental problems through the collaborative efforts of EDB, DH, HA and SWD; (b) EDB had been providing training for KG teachers to enhance their capacity in identifying and catering for students with diverse needs, and would consider providing more in-service training programmes; and (c) DH and SWD had implemented measures to raise parents' awareness and acceptance of children with special needs. <p>Regarding the assessment of children with suspected developmental problems, DH advised that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) currently nearly all new cases were seen within three weeks and assessments for 83% to 90% of newly registered cases were completed within six months at its six Child Assessment Service Centres; and (b) the relevant manpower would be increased with a view to shortening the waiting time for assessment and increasing the service output. <p>At the Chairman's request, the Administration undertook to provide written information on details of the current mechanism for identification and assessment of children with special needs (including the waiting time required) and the services provided by HA and the relevant departments.</p> <p>As regards other support measures, SWD advised that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a pilot scheme would be launched in the last quarter of 2015 with support by the Lotteries Fund. Allied health professionals would provide on-site rehabilitation services in KGs or KG-cum-Child Care Centres for children with special needs; 	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the information as stated in paragraph 4 of the minutes.</p>

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		<p>(b) the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses was underway in cooperation with non-government organizations ("NGOs") which would provide more welfare service places including those of the Early Education and Training Centre and Special Child Care Centre. Among the received proposals, 25 of them could provide about 3 800 pre-school rehabilitation places. Together with 1 471 planned pre-school rehabilitation service places to be provided in this term of Government, there will be more than 5 000 new pre-school rehabilitation places in future; and</p> <p>(c) In 2015-2016, the Administration would spend some \$3.2 million to increase the number of social workers in the subvented Parents/Relatives Resource Centres with a view to improving parents' ability to take care of children with special needs.</p>	
062257 - 062815	Dr Fernando CHEUNG SWD Chairman	<p>Dr CHEUNG sought further information on the service mode and service output (e.g. the target number of service recipients) of the pilot scheme to be launched by SWD.</p> <p>SWD replied that NGOs could propose their service output in the light of their own capacity and circumstances. However, they had to meet the minimum requirements of service output stipulated by the Administration.</p> <p>At the Chairman's request, the Administration agreed to provide more detailed information on the pilot scheme to be launched by SWD in writing.</p>	The Administration was requested to provide the information as stated in paragraph 4 of the minutes.
062816 - 063402	Deputy Chairman EDB	<p>The Deputy Chairman enquired about the resources and training to equip KG teachers with the capacity to cater for children with special needs.</p> <p>EDB advised that –</p> <p>(a) "The Pre-primary Children Development and Behaviour Management – Teacher Resource Kit" had been developed by DH in collaboration with EDB and SWD to equip pre-primary teachers with the necessary skills, so that they could identify children with developmental problems and arrange referral for initial assessment;</p> <p>(b) the KG Committee had proposed to improve the teacher-to-pupil ratio from the exiting 1:15 to no worse than 1:12 to create more room for KG</p>	

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		<p>teachers to, among others, cater for children with diverse needs; and</p> <p>(c) EDB would provide more in-service training for KG teachers to strengthen their capacity to formulate appropriate teaching strategies for meeting the developmental needs of children.</p>	
063403 - 063913	Dr Helena WONG EDB DH SWD Chairman	<p>Dr WONG expressed concern that the long waiting time for assessment might defeat the objectives of early identification and early intervention for children with special needs. She also enquired about the Administration's initiatives on parent education.</p> <p>DH advised that –</p> <p>(a) the Administration would increase professional manpower so as to shorten the waiting time for assessment of children with special needs; and</p> <p>(b) while assessment of most newly registered cases could be completed within six months, assessment of some complicated cases might take longer time.</p> <p>SWD advised that there were six subvented and six self-financing Parents/Relatives Resource Centres, which provided various parent education programmes for parents of children with disabilities.</p> <p>At the Chairman's request, the Administration undertook to provide written information on details of the initiatives implemented by the Administration on parent education, as well as the support provided for parents of children with special needs.</p>	The Administration was requested to provide the information as stated in paragraph 4 of the minutes.
063914 - 064626	Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG EDB	<p>The Chairman enquired whether parents could apply for financial assistance from the Community Care Fund to enable their children with developmental problems to receive early assessment and early support services.</p> <p>EDB agreed to relay the Chairman's suggestion to the Community Care Fund through the relevant bureau(x)/department(s).</p> <p>Dr CHEUNG also requested the Administration to provide further information on current assessment of children with special needs.</p> <p>The Chairman left the meeting at this juncture and the Deputy Chairman took over the Chair.</p>	The Administration was requested to provide the information as stated in paragraph 4 of the minutes.

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064627 - 065459	Break		
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065500 - 065642	Deputy Chairman	Opening remarks	
065643 - 065957	Deputy Chairman ELCHK Amazing Grace Nursery School Parents – Teacher Association	Presentation of views	
065958 - 070250	Deputy Chairman Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Early Childhood Services	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14- 15(11)]	
070251 - 070600	Deputy Chairman Education Division, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14- 15(12)]	
070601 - 070909	Deputy Chairman Yuen Long District Kindergarten Heads Association	Presentation of views	
070910 - 071112	Deputy Chairman Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang	Presentation of views	
071113 - 071410	Deputy Chairman Ms Christine FONG Kwok-shan	Presentation of views	
071411 - 071717	Deputy Chairman Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Athena Kindergarten	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1276/14- 15(07)]	
071718 - 072025	Deputy Chairman Miss CHAN Chor-hang	Presentation of views	
072026 - 072342	Deputy Chairman Ms MAN Wun-king	Presentation of views	
072343 - 072651	Deputy Chairman Miss CHAN Foon-yi	Presentation of views	
072652 - 073003	Deputy Chairman Miss CHAN Fung-yi	Presentation of views	
073004 - 073236	Deputy Chairman Miss SZETO Wai-man	Presentation of views	

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073237 - 073525	Deputy Chairman Miss TING Wing-yue	Presentation of views	
073526 - 073808	Deputy Chairman Miss CHUN Ka-yan	Presentation of views	
073809 - 074037	Deputy Chairman Ms TAI Sau-fong	Presentation of views	
074038 - 074239	Deputy Chairman Miss KO Suk-yee	Presentation of views	
074240 - 074538	Deputy Chairman Miss LEE Shuk-yi	Presentation of views	
074539 - 074831	Deputy Chairman Miss Maggie YIP	Presentation of views	
074832 - 074944	Deputy Chairman Miss CHO Mei-seung	Presentation of views	
074945 - 075242	Deputy Chairman Ms LEUNG Oi-wah	Presentation of views	
075243 - 075455	Deputy Chairman Miss FOO Hang-hoi	Presentation of views	
075456 - 075737	Deputy Chairman Miss NG Suk-man	Presentation of views	
075738 - 080050	Deputy Chairman Miss CHAN Mei-kuen	Presentation of views	
080051 - 080404	Deputy Chairman Miss YEUNG Chau-mui	Presentation of views	
080405 - 080716	Deputy Chairman Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1281/14- 15(17)]	
080717 - 081033	Deputy Chairman ELCHK Amazing Grace Nursery School	Presentation of views	
081034 - 081353	Deputy Chairman The Association of Evangelical Free Churches of H.K.E.F.C.C. AGC Abundant Grace Nursery School	Presentation of views	
081354 - 081702	Deputy Chairman E.F.C.C. - Po Nga Nursery School	Presentation of views	

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081703 - 082015	Deputy Chairman Miss CHAN Kwan-yee	Presentation of views	
082016 - 082324	Deputy Chairman Ms KO Yuk-ping	Presentation of views	
082325 - 082505	Deputy Chairman Miss CHAN Wai-yee	Presentation of views	
082506 - 082817	Deputy Chairman Ms LEUNG Po-yue	Presentation of views	
082818 - 083131	Deputy Chairman ELCHK Grace Nursery School	Presentation of views	
083132 - 083447	Deputy Chairman Mr Jackey LO	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1276/14-15(13)]	
083448 - 083754	Deputy Chairman Hong Kong Unison	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1276/14-15(14)]	
083755 - 084117	Deputy Chairman 基層學童權益會	Presentation of views	
084118 - 084408	Deputy Chairman 太子學童關注組	Presentation of views	
084409 - 084710	Deputy Chairman 天水圍學童關注組	Presentation of views	
084711 - 085030	Deputy Chairman Alliance for Children Development Rights	Presentation of views	
085031 - 085355	Deputy Chairman 幼師薪酬關注組	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(4)1251/14-15(15)]	
085356 - 090042	Deputy Chairman EDB	In response to the views of the deputations, EDB advised that – (a) the provision of pre-nursery services (i.e. for children between two to three years of age) and the provision of KG services (i.e. for children between three to six years of age) were subject to different regulatory frameworks. The Administration would make reference to the current operation of pre-nursery services when formulating measures under the KG education policy. However, it was not the intention of the Government to extend the policy on free KG education to pre-nursery services;	

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		<p>(b) the Administration was yet to devise the detailed arrangements for implementing the recommendations of the KG Committee, such as ways to enable KG teachers to meet the soft target of completing about 150 hours of continuous professional development ("CPD") for every three years, the additional manpower required by LWD KGs to cater for the longer hours and the more school days operated etc;</p> <p>(c) the KG Committee had made reference to the staffing position of organizations of different sizes and come up with the threshold of "more than 300 HD students" in recommending the staffing structure of KGs of different operating scale;</p> <p>(d) apart from the basic funding and additional subsidy as recommended by the KG Committee, WD/LWD KGs could still charge tuition fees if they deemed necessary; and</p> <p>(e) as regards WD/LWD services, the KG Committee considered it important to distinguish between the availability of services (provision) and subsidy (use of taxpayers' money), and came to the view that it was reasonable for parents and the Government to share the extra financial burden.</p>	
090043 - 090715	Mr TAM Yiu-chung EDB	<p>Mr TAM opined that there was a pressing need to increase the provision of WD/LWD KG places in view of the keen demand. He also enquired whether the Administration would adjust the proposed salary ranges to take into account changes in price levels if it would take some time before the KG education policy could come into operation.</p> <p>EDB advised that –</p> <p>(a) the Administration would suitably adjust the reference salary ranges to reflect changes in price levels over time; and</p> <p>(b) as the salary-related practices were part and parcel of the standardized funding mode for aided schools, such practices could not be applied to KGs in isolation.</p>	
090716 - 091241	Deputy Chairman EDB	<p>The Deputy Chairman sought further information on the soft target of around 150 CPD hours for every three years for KG teachers and principals, and enquired whether KG staff had to attend training outside school hours.</p>	

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		EDB advised that details of the implementation arrangements were yet to be confirmed. It had nevertheless taken note of the views and concerns expressed by members and deputations.	
091242 - 091602	Mr Christopher CHUNG	Mr CHUNG agreed with the KG Committee's views that the subvention mode of aided primary and secondary schools were different from the current mode of operation of KGs. Hence, it might not be practicable to apply certain measures and practices, such as a mandatory pay scale, to the KG sector. He also remarked that some KGs had generated good income from their operations.	
091603 - 092002	Deputy Chairman EDB	<p>Noting that the Administration had submitted the three executive summaries of the consultancy reports to the Subcommittee, the Deputy Chairman considered that the summaries fell short of providing sufficient information for members' reference. He also enquired whether the Administration would step up monitoring over the miscellaneous fees charged by KGs.</p> <p>EDB suggested that if necessary, the Deputy Chairman or other members could put up requests in writing for elaboration on the information provided in the three executive summaries of the consultancy reports. EDB also confirmed that it would strengthen monitoring over fees and charges collected by KGs.</p>	
<i>Agenda Item III – Any other business</i>			
092003 - 092020	Deputy Chairman	Closing remarks	