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Panel on Education

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

Meeting on 27 October 2014

Proposed Work Plan

Purpose

This paper invites members to consider the proposed work plan of the Subcommittee to Study the Implementation of Free Kindergarten Education ("the Subcommittee").

Proposed work plan

2. A list of major subjects which the Subcommittee may wish to include in its study is at **Appendix I**. To tie in with new developments, if any, the list may be suitably adjusted to include new subjects or fine-tune existing ones.
3. Discussion of the subjects may not necessarily follow the order as set out in **Appendix I**. The number of meetings and the timing for discussion of each subject can be considered in the light of actual circumstances. To facilitate meeting arrangements and subject to members' view, a two-hour meeting slot has been tentatively reserved each month from December 2014 to July 2015 (**Appendix II**). Where necessary, the Subcommittee can invite deputations to give views on the subjects under study, as well as the Committee on Free Kindergarten Education to report on its work.
4. Pursuant to Rule 26 of the House Rules, the Subcommittee should complete its work within 12 months of its commencement (i.e. by 27 October 2015) and report to the Panel on Education ("the Panel"). Should the Subcommittee consider it necessary to work beyond 12 months, it should, after obtaining the endorsement of the Panel, report to the House Committee and give justifications for an extension of the period. Members may wish to take into account the aforesaid timeframe when taking forward its work.

Advice sought

5. Members are invited to give views on the subjects to be discussed by the Subcommittee as set out in **Appendix I**; and to decide on the issues to be discussed at the next meeting.

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Major subjects to be studied

- (a) The policy and proposed scope of free kindergarten ("KG") education (e.g. the objectives of KG education, the types of KGs to be covered under free KG education, the scope of services to be covered by the subsidy etc.);
- (b) the operating needs of and services provided by half-day, whole-day and long whole-day KGs and how they should be supported under the provision of free KG education;
- (c) premises-related issues (e.g. rental subsidy, provision of premises and facilities etc.);
- (d) issues related to manpower requirement (e.g. the teacher-to-student ratio, the requirements for additional teaching and non-teaching staff etc.);
- (e) teacher professionalism (e.g. the development of a qualification and salary framework for KG teachers, training, a proper career and advancement path etc.);
- (f) planning for the provision of KG places, in particular whole-day KG places, and the admission arrangements for KGs;
- (g) transition from KG to primary education;
- (h) support for non-Chinese speaking students and students with special educational needs; and
- (i) quality assurance mechanism, regulation and longer-term development of the KG sector.

Appendix II

Proposed schedule of meetings *(subject to members' confirmation)*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday, 16 December 2014	2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Conference Room 3
Friday, 9 January 2015	10:45 am – 12:45 pm	Conference Room 1
Tuesday, 10 February 2015	4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Conference Room 1
Monday, 16 March 2015	10:45 am – 12:45 pm	Conference Room 1
Friday, 24 April 2015	10:45 am – 12:45 pm	Conference Room 1
Friday, 22 May 2015	10:45 am – 12:45 pm	Conference Room 1
Tuesday, 9 June 2015	4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Conference Room 1
Tuesday, 7 July 2015	4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Conference Room 1