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Follow-up to meeting on 21 June 1999

I attach the Administration's progress report on proposed improvement items which were agreed at the meetings of the Subcommittee on facilities in special schools for physically handicapped children.

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Subcommittee on facilities in special schools for physically handicapped children Progress report on proposed improvement items

1.	<p>Air-conditioning</p> <p>(a) classrooms and special rooms</p> <p>(b) dormitory</p> <p>(c) school hall and canteen</p>	<p>At its meeting on 25 June, the Finance Committee approved funding for the provision of air-conditioning to the classrooms and special rooms of special schools for physically and severely mentally handicapped children. To give schools greater flexibility, they will be given the option of carrying out the installation works themselves. Four special schools for physically handicapped children (PH schools) and six special schools for severely mentally handicapped children (SMH schools) have indicated that they are willing to take up the works on their own. The Architectural Services Department will carry out the works for the remaining three PH and four SMH schools. The subvention of recurrent expenditure also takes effect from 25 June.</p> <p>One PH and six SMH schools which have requested the installation of air-conditioners in their dormitories have received donations from Hong Kong Electric Co. Ltd and China Light and Power Co. Ltd.</p> <p>In view of the wider policy and resource implications, the Administration has no plan to provide air-conditioning for school halls and canteens.</p>
2.	<p>Special furniture and equipment</p> <p>(a) adjustable desks and chairs</p> <p>(b) suction machine, oxygen, bed with railing, emergency call bell, small drawer set for medicine and sterilizer</p>	<p>ED agrees that adjustable desks and chairs be included as standard provisions for PH schools. The Department is awaiting suggestions from the Hong Kong Special Schools Council on the specifications and the costs of these items.</p> <p>ED agrees that these items be included as standard provisions for PH schools. Schools can replace these items with their recurrent grants or seek provision through the Annual Estimates where appropriate.</p>

3.	Size of classrooms	ED will recommend to the Government Property Administrator an increase in the standard size of classrooms of PH schools from 45m ² to 55m ² , taking into account the need to provide more space for wheelchairs or flexistands, computer facilities, and circulation area. The need for any future increase in classroom size will be reviewed from time to time.
4.	Kitchen facilities	The Hospital Authority (HA) has agreed with ED to try out Food Chill Service in two PH schools. HA has arranged site visits to Hong Kong Christian Service Pui Oi School and Margaret Trench Red Cross School. It is expected that the service will be tried out in the 1999/2000 school year.
5.	Hydrotherapy service	ED has visited a small hydrotherapy pool of HA and obtained a quotation from the dealer. A small hydrotherapy pool measuring 2m X 4m costs \$1.6m and the maintenance costs \$87,000 per annum, excluding electricity and water expenses. Other ancillary facilities required include changing rooms, toilets and plant room for water purification. In view of the high capital and recurrent costs vis-a-vis the relatively low utilization rate (on average about 20 students in each PH school require the service), ED considers that PH schools should continue to use HA facilities the vicinity.
6.	School design and reprovisioning of old schools	<p>ED is searching for a site to reprovision Margaret Trench Red Cross School.</p> <p>The standard schedule of accommodation will be revised: disabled toilets will be attached to classrooms of junior classes.</p> <p>In building/reprovisioning special schools in future, ED will consult school sponsors concerned on their requirements at the design stage.</p>