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Recurrent Funding for UGC-Funded Institutions

On behalf of the Association of Lecturers at The Hong Kong Institute of Education, we would ask you to note the following two points in your deliberations on the university funding proposals:

1. It would appear to us that one sector of the government may not be fully aware of what the other is doing. On the one hand, the Education Commission and Curriculum Development Council are proposing extensive reforms within the structure and curricular provision of school education. This will require considerable support from the tertiary institutions, in the form of courses and consultations with schools. On the other hand, any proposal to cut funding to tertiary institutions would necessarily limit their ability to contribute to the reform process.
2. At The Hong Kong Institute of Education, in its dedicated mission to teacher education in Hong Kong, there is a substantial "hidden" workload in the form of teacher practice supervision and extensive new course development. In this regard, these hidden factors ought to be fully recognized when calculating funding for the Institute.

Respectfully submitted,

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