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**Bills Committee on  
Education (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2003**

**Minutes of meeting  
held on Saturday, 25 October 2003 at 9:00 am  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Chairman)  
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
- Members absent** : Dr Hon YEUNG Sum  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
- Public Officers attending** : Mr Andrew POON  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and  
Manpower (Quality Assurance)
- Ms Susanna CHEUNG  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and  
Manpower (Professional Development and  
Training)
- Mrs YU LAW Siu-man  
Senior Education Officer (Education Ordinance Review  
and Compliance)
- Ms Carmen CHU  
Senior Government Counsel  
Department of Justice

- Attendance by invitation** : Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union  
Miss SY On Na  
Publication Department, Deputy Director  
The Hong Kong Federation of Private Educators  
Mr Paul ARKWRIGHT  
Representative  
Hong Kong Aided Primary School Heads Association  
Mr LEUNG Shiu-chun  
Chairman  
Mr LAM Sheung-wan  
Executive Member
- Clerk in attendance** : Mrs Doris CHAN  
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)4
- Staff in attendance** : Mr KAU Kin-wah  
Assistant Legal Adviser 6  
Mr Stanley MA  
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)6
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**I. Meeting with deputations**

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)161/03-04(01) & CB(2)173/03-04(01)]

The Bills Committee received the views from the following three deputations on the Bill (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**) -

- (a) Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union (HKPTU);
- (b) Hong Kong Federation of Private Educators; and
- (c) Hong Kong Aided Primary School Heads Association (the Association).

2. Members requested the Association to assist in encouraging serving permitted teachers (PTs) to complete a recognized teacher education programme within the proposed five-year grace period. Representatives of the Association agreed to follow up the matter upon the enactment of the Bill. The Association would provide the Legislative Council Panel on Education with an information note on the agreed strategies and measures to help serving PTs acquire a recognized qualification for registration as registered teachers within the grace period.

## **II. Meeting with the Administration** [LC Paper No. CB(2)3100/02-03(01)]

### Support and training places for serving PTs

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3. Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong held a strong view that the Administration had an obligation to ensure the provision of sufficient training places for serving PTs in primary and secondary schools who intended to complete an approved teacher education programme within the proposed five-year grace period. He requested the Administration to liaise with the Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIEd) to resume the in-service course of training for teachers (ICTT) for enrolment of serving PTs in primary schools who had five passes in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination. He anticipated that school principals would exercise discretion to release their serving PTs to attend ICTT classes. He also suggested that EMB should collaborate with HKPTU and primary schools to encourage serving PTs to enrol in an appropriate education programme as early as practicable.

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4. Members in general agreed that the Administration should follow up with schools and HKIEd on provision of sufficient places for serving PTs who wished to acquire an approved teacher education qualification. In response to the Chairman's request, the Administration undertook to provide a paper setting out the plans and measures to encourage serving PTs to acquire an approved education qualification within the proposed grace period. Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong considered that the Administration should also maintain the current level of subsidy for serving PTs pursuing a part-time evening teacher education programme until the expiry of the grace period.

5. The Chairman said that serving PTs with good performance were normally assigned more non-teaching and extra-curricular duties and might have difficulty in attending the evening classes of a teacher education programme. She requested the Administration to –

- (a) encourage schools to provide appropriate support for serving PTs to attend ICTT classes;

- (b) consider setting up a working group comprising major stakeholders to monitor the implementation of the proposals in the Bill; and
- (c) provide the dropout rates of ICTT programmes in previous years.

Registration of day and evening schools

6. Members in general supported the policy that any private evening session of a school which received subsidy from the Government should be registered as a separate school. Assistant Legal Adviser (ALA) advised that he was of the view that the policy as set out in paragraph 7 of the Administration's response to issues raised at the meeting on 16 July 2003 (LC Paper No.CB(2)3100/02-03(01)) was not reflected in the Bill as presently drafted. ALA/Adm The Chairman directed ALA to liaise with the Administration on the necessary amendments to reflect the policy intent.

**III. Any other business**

Date of next meeting

- 7. Members agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday, 24 November 2003 at 10:45 am.
- 8. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:25 am.

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**Proceedings of the meeting of the Bills Committee on  
Education (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2003  
on Saturday, 25 October 2003 at 9:00 am  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
0000 - 0500	Chairman	Introduction.	
0501 - 0950	Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union	Oral representation.	
0951 - 1415	Hong Kong Federation of Private Educators	Oral representation.	
1416 - 1808	Hong Kong Aided Primary School Heads Association	Oral representation.	
1809 - 2305	Admin	Response to views and concerns of deputations.	
2306 - 3250	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Chairman Admin	- Provision of sufficient training places for serving PTs to acquire an approved teacher education qualification; - Separate registration of the evening session of an aided school operated in a different financing mode; and - Change of schools for PTs under the same SSB.	<b>See para 3 of the minutes</b>
3251 - 4300	Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Admin Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung	- Support for serving PTs in primary schools to attend a recognized teacher education programme; and - Dropout rate of ICTT programmes.	<b>See para 5(c) of the minutes</b>
4301 - 4821	Chairman The Association Admin	Use of school facilities by parent-teacher associations and local communities after school hours and on school holidays;	

4822 - 010400	Chairman Admin Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Ms Emily LAU The Association	Support and arrangements for serving PTs to attend evening courses.	<b>See para 4 and 5(a) of the minutes</b>
010401 - 010940	Chairman Admin Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong The Association	Establishment of a working group to monitor the implementation of the proposals in the Bill.	<b>See para 5(b) of the minutes</b>
010941 - 011127	Ms Emily LAU The Association Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Chairman	Assistance for serving PTs to attend evening courses on teacher education.	<b>See para 2 of the minutes</b>
011128 - 011700	Chairman The Association Ms Emily LAU Admin	Use of school premises by parent-teacher associations for parent education and other purposes.	
011701 - 011950	Chairman	Date of next meeting.	
011951 - 012150	ALA Chairman	Registration of day and evening schools.	<b>See para 6 of the minutes</b>

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