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Clerk to Finance Committee (Attn: Miss Polly Yeung) Legislative Council Secretariat 8 Jackson Road Central Hong Kong

Dear Miss Yeung

Follow-up to FC Meeting on 22 June 2001 Supporting Uniform Group Activities for Students

I refer to para. 60 of the minutes of the captioned FC meeting and would like to provide a brief account of the recent progress on the issue.

Publicity materials on the Uniform Group Enhancement Scheme (Scheme) including posters and leaflets were sent to the students of the eight tertiary institutes through their Student Affairs Offices in February 2002. They were invited to attend the Briefing Session held on 27 April 2002 and join the uniform groups as leaders. At the Briefing, the background of each uniform group and the general course contents of the leader training It was noted that some students had programmes were introduced. subsequently enrolled in the courses.

The Department has also appealed to the eleven uniform groups of the Scheme for the grooming of leaders and launching publicity campaigns in tertiary institutes to recruit students. There are seven uniform groups actively involved in providing training to tertiary students. We have also approached the chairperson of the Hong Kong Students Association, which is an organization to promote extra-curricular activities for students and staff of universities and VTC, for promoting uniform group activities in tertiary institutes.

Among the institutes in Hong Kong, students of the Hong Kong Institute of Education are taking the most active role in participating in uniform group training programmes. Currently, about 500 students have enrolled in the training courses provided by uniform groups.

In order to encourage more tertiary students to join the Scheme by serving as leaders, a TV API is scheduled to be broadcast in mid-December 2002. It is hoped that more tertiary students will join the training courses and help leading uniform group units in the long run.

We will continue to promote the Scheme through different channels and encourage more tertiary students to join the work of leaders. Should you require further information, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 28926401.

Yours sincerely

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