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**Bills Committee on
Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill**

**Minutes of meeting
held on Monday, 10 October 2005 at 4:30 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Margaret NG
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Members absent : Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS

Public Officers attending : Mr Edward YAU
Deputy Secretary for Education and Manpower

Ms Rebecca PUN
Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower

Mr Thomas WU
Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower

Ms Selina LAU
Senior Government Counsel
Department of Justice

Mr Peter CHEUNG
Executive Director
Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation

Ms Connie LOK
Senior Registrar
Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation

Clerk in attendance : Mrs Sharon TONG
Chief Council Secretary (2)1

Staff in attendance : Mr Stephen LAM
Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Mr Raymond LAM
Senior Council Secretary (2)5

I. Meeting with the Administration

The Bills Committee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

2. The Bills Committee requested the Administration to provide -

- (a) information on the level of fees charged for accreditation test;
- (b) details on the parties consulted on the proposals in the Bill and the views collected in the consultation exercise;
- (c) information on the experience of other places in the implementation of qualifications framework; and
- (d) a response to the concerns raised by members on the impact of the Qualifications Framework on the employment of existing employees.

II. Dates of subsequent meetings

3. The Bills Committee agreed that the Clerk would consult the Chairman on the

dates of meetings to continue discussion with the Administration and to receive the views of interested parties on the Bill. The Chairman said that advertisements would be placed in local newspapers to invite views from interested parties on the Bill.

4. The meeting ended at 6:50 pm.

Council Business Division 2
Legislative Council Secretariat
3 November 2005

**Proceedings of the meeting of the
Bills Committee on
Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill
on Monday, 10 October 2005 at 4:30 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

| Time marker | Speaker | Subject(s) | Action Required |
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| 000000 – 000406 | Chairman | Opening remarks | |
| 000407 - 001056 | Admin | Briefing on the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill (the Bill) | |
| 001057 - 003109 | Hon CHAN Yuen-han Chairman Admin | Views of the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions on the Bill; whether the proposals in the Bill would have any negative impact on the employment of existing employees; composition of the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation as the Accreditation Authority and indication of intention to move Committee Stage amendments on such composition; types of existing courses to be recognised under the proposed Qualifications Framework | |
| 003110 - 005107 | Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Admin | Views of the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions on the Bill; impact of the proposed Qualifications Framework on the employment of existing employees; recognition of working experience; accreditation fees; scope of the Continuing Education Fund; overseas trend in the accreditation of academic and vocational qualifications | |

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| 005108 - 010458 | Hon LI Fung-ying Admin | Impact of the Qualifications Framework on the labour market and existing employees; composition of a review committee; accreditation fees | |
| 010459 - 011644 | Hon Andrew LEUNG Chairman Admin | Views of the Liberal Party on the Bill; composition of the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation as the Accreditation Authority; accreditation of assessment agencies; operation of the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation; experience of other places in the implementation of qualifications framework | |
| 011645 - 013808 | Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Chairman Admin | Background for the establishment of a Qualifications Framework; impact of the Qualifications Framework on the employment of existing employees; level of fees charged for accreditation test | Admin to provide information on the level of fees charged for accreditation test |
| 013809 - 014917 | Hon Margaret NG Admin Chairman | Determination of competency standards under the Qualifications Framework; basis on which the proposals in the Bill were drawn up; consultation on the proposals in the Bill | Admin to provide details on the parties consulted on the proposals in the Bill and the views collected in the consultation exercise |
| 014918 - 015603 | Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung Chairman Admin | Experience of other places in the implementation of qualifications framework; results of consultation with the labour sector; impact of the Qualifications Framework on the employment of old employees | Admin to provide information on the experience of other places in the implementation of qualifications framework |
| 015604 - 015622 | Chairman | Extension of meeting time | |

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| 015623 - 021336 | Dr Hon Joseph LEE Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Admin Chairman | Benefits to be provided under the Qualifications Framework; whether a credit accumulation and transfer system would be incorporated in the Qualifications Framework; impact of the Qualifications Framework on the employment of existing employees | |
| 021337 - 021633 | Chairman Hon Margaret NG Admin | Provision of the Administration's response to the concerns raised and information sought by members; scheduling of further meetings to continue discussion with the Administration and to receive the views of interested parties on the Bill | Admin to provide a response to the concerns raised by members on the impact of the Qualifications Framework on the employment of existing employees |