

**For discussion
on 10 November 2008**

Legislative Council Panel on Education

**Baptist University Road Campus Development
by Hong Kong Baptist University**

PURPOSE

This paper briefs Members on a proposed capital works project for Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) to implement the Baptist University Road Campus Development within the University campus in Kowloon Tong.

JUSTIFICATION

2. The new academic structure for senior secondary education and higher education (i.e. the “3+3+4”) will be implemented starting from the 2009/10 academic year. The first cohort of senior secondary students will undergo a four-year undergraduate programme starting from the 2012/13 academic year. The University Grants Committee-funded institutions, including HKBU, need to expand their campus space and facilities in order to accommodate the additional students under the new four-year undergraduate programmes and to provide a suitable teaching and learning environment in support of the new academic structure. Additional space and facilities are also needed to meet the existing space shortfall and to cater for additional senior year places of the University.

3. HKBU plans to carry out the Baptist University Road (BUR) Campus Development project to provide additional space and facilities of some 19 700 m² in net operational floor area (NOFA) within its campus for implementation of “3+3+4” and to meet existing space shortfall. The project involves demolition of seven existing low-rise blocks¹, construction of a new 13-storey main building and a new 3-storey Annex block on an existing open carpark, and construction of a footbridge to link the main building and the Annex block. The footbridge is to provide a safe and convenient pedestrian linkage for the heavy volume of commuters to and from the BUR Campus. A site plan showing the location of the project is at Enclosure.

¹ The demolition involves total space of 4 017 m², which will be reprovisioned under the project.

4. The BUR Campus Development will provide classroom facilities, teaching laboratories, sports facilities, office area, student amenities, support as well as car-parking spaces. The development will cater for teaching of common and faculty-based subjects, more practical training facilities for applied research and development and foster all round development of the student community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The estimated cost of the BUR Campus Development is around \$987.3 million in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices. The project will have no impact on tuition fees. As the additional recurrent costs associated with this project will be absorbed by HKBU, the proposal will have no additional recurrent financial implications on the Government.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE

6. We plan to seek the approval of the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council for the proposal on 15 December 2008 and 9 January 2009 respectively. Subject to funding approval of the Finance Committee, HKBU plans to start the construction works in the second quarter of 2009 for completion in the third quarter of 2012.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

7. The Kowloon City District Council was consulted on 26 June 2008 and Members expressed support for the project.

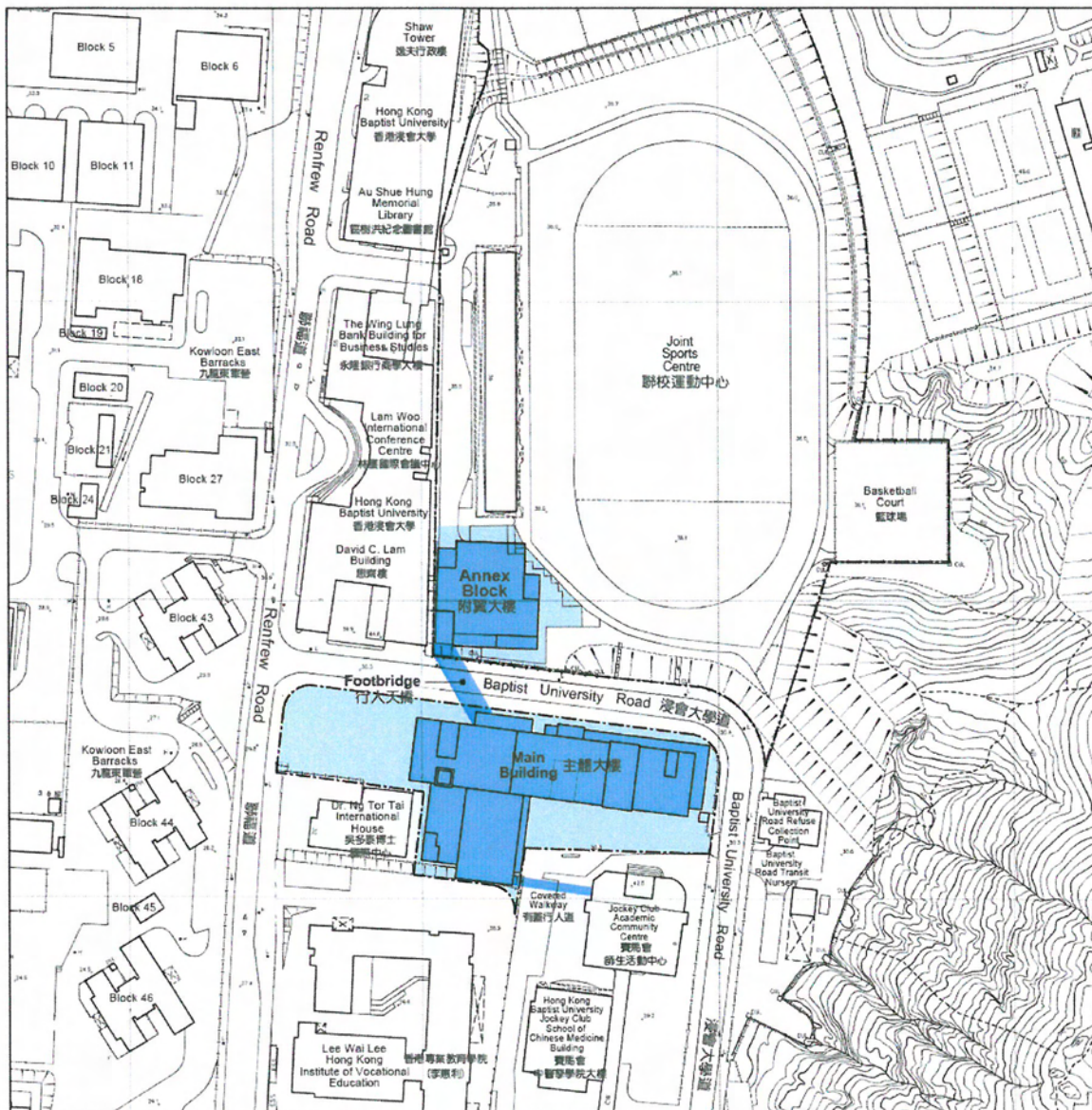
MEMBERS' VIEWS

8. Members' views are welcome on the proposal.

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Site Plan
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Baptist University Road
Campus Development
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Site Area: 8 123m²
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