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Miss Odelia Leung
Clerk to Panel on Education
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Jackson Road
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Dear Miss Leung,

Panel on Education
Capital Works Projects of
University Grants Committee-funded Institutions

Subsequent to my letter of 5 December 2008 which provides the original and latest estimates of the 12 capital works projects for the University Grants Committee-funded institutions to implement the new academic structure, we have recently submitted five of the projects to the Panel on Education or the Public Works Subcommittee for discussion. In this connection, I enclose an updated table and should be grateful if you could circulate it to Members for their reference.

Yours sincerely,

(Amy Wong)
for Secretary for Education

c.c.

Ms Debbie Yau, Clerk to Public Works Subcommittee, Legislative Council
Secretary-General, University Grants Committee (Attn: Mrs. Dorothy Ma)

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Original and Latest Estimated Costs of the 334-related Capital Works Projects of the UGC-funded Institutions

(\$ million)

Institution	Project name	Original Estimated Cost	Projected Cost ^a	Latest Project Estimate ^b	
		(in Sept. 2004 or 2005 prices ^c)	(in Sept. 2008 prices)	(in Sept.2008 prices)	(in MOD prices) ^b
CityU	Academic and Administration Building ^d	571.0	978.9	832.1	905.1
HKBU	Baptist University Road Campus Development, Phase I	239.7	410.9	380.9 ^e	425.5 ^e
LU	New Academic Block	72.7	126.7	132.5	142.6
	New Student Hostel ^d	49.3	87.8	91.4	98.4
PolyU	Phase 8 Development ^d	760.4	1,303.6	1,256.4	1,337.4
CUHK	An Integrated Teaching Building	114.5	199.4	-	-
	Centralized General Research Lab Complex (Block 1)	255.6	445.2	-	-
	Extension to the existing University Library	161.6	281.5	-	-
	Student Amenity Centre	107.7	187.6	188.9	206.5

Abbreviations

CityU - City University of Hong Kong; HKBU - The Hong Kong Baptist University; LU - Lingnan University; PolyU - The Hong Kong Polytechnic University; CUHK - The Chinese University of Hong Kong; HKUST - The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; HKU - The University of Hong Kong

^a Estimation of the projected costs has taken into account the changes in market prices and sentiments from the date of the original cost estimates in 2004 and 2005, as well as new development from the detailed design process. The estimated costs are presented in September 2008 prices such that the projects costs can be readily compared at the same price level. The cost estimates of these projects will be reviewed and updated to reflect the latest market rates before funding applications are submitted to the Legislative Council.

^b The latest project estimates listed here have taken into account the current economic situation and prevailing construction prices, and have been submitted to the Panel on Education or Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC). The funding submissions to the PWSC will be converted to the money-of-the-day (MOD) prices using Government's latest forecast of trend rate of change in the prices of public sector building and construction output, which was expected to increase by 4% per annum over the period from 2008 to 2012 according to our earlier estimate. According to the latest assumptions, we expect that the prices of public sector building and construction output will increase by 2% per annum over the period 2009 to 2013. Starting from February 2009, we will adopt the latest assumptions and the corresponding price adjustment factors to compile the project estimates in MOD terms.

^c The projects of CityU, HKBU and PolyU are shown in September 2005 prices according to the revised proposals submitted by the institutions.

^d Apart from meeting the additional needs arising from "3+3+4" in 2012/13, the projects of CityU, LU (hostel) and PolyU also include provision for meeting their immediate shortfall and hence the project estimates are shown according to the proposals of the expanded scope.

^e The project was combined with Baptist University Road Campus Development Phase II project, which is for meeting the existing space shortfall, in October 2008. The total amount sought from Finance Committee is \$945.1 million in MOD prices.

Institution	Project name	Original Estimated Cost	Projected Cost	Latest Project Estimate	
		(in Sept. 2004 or 2005 prices)	(in Sept. 2008 prices)	(in Sept.2008 prices	(in MOD prices)
HKUST	New Academic Building	384.2	669.2	627.6	668.5
	Extension to the existing Academic Building	80.4	90.8 ^f	110.7	116.1
HKU	Centennial Campus Phase I	630.0	1,097.4	1,027.9	1,099.8 ^g
Total		3,427.1 ^h	5,879.0 ^h	- ⁱ	-

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^f The extension to the existing Academic Building of HKUST was approved by the Finance Committee in January 2008. The projected cost above was expressed in September 2007 prices.

^g This project will be carried out at the same time with the Centennial Campus Phase II project, which aims to relieve the existing space shortfall. We will seek funding approval from the PWSC in February 2009. The latest estimate of total funding provided by the Government for the two projects is \$2,003.72 million (in MOD prices).

^h The total amount also includes the funding required for meeting the existing shortfall of CityU, LU (hostel) and PolyU. If for “3+3+4” purpose only, the original and latest projected costs are around \$2.9 billion (in 2004/2005 prices) and \$4.9 billion (in 2008 prices) respectively.

ⁱ So far nine projects have been submitted to the Panel on Education or the PWSC. The total of the latest project estimates of these nine projects is around \$4.6 billion (in September 2008 prices).