

## “Aspirations for the Higher Education System in Hong Kong”

Report of the University Grants Committee

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- ✓ UGC submitted its report to the Secretary for Education in early December 2010.
- ✓ The review was taken forward by the UGC’s Higher Education Review Group under the convenorship of Sir Colin Lucas.
- ✓ The Group consulted widely for the review.



## Current Position in Post-secondary System

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- ✓ Post-secondary sector is in good health, with real advances over the last 10 years.
- ✓ The report is not premised upon any identified need for a major system reform.
- ✓ Facing many challenges and opportunities, Hong Kong should move ahead.



## Main Themes of the Report

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- ✓ Need for an improved system level structure with clearer progression pathways.
- ✓ Need to press ahead with ensuring the UGC-funded institutions have excellent teaching, research and community engagement for the benefit of Hong Kong.
- ✓ Need for the higher education sector to help Hong Kong retain its uniqueness as an international city, and at the same time maintain a close relationship with the Mainland system.

## UGC Sector

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- ✓ UGC Sector institutions have unique roles to play and should strive for excellence
- ✓ Recent reforms within the UGC sector:
  - encourage institutions to put greater focus on teaching
  - a focus on outputs and outcomes (rather than inputs)
  - a move to a more competitive research funding regime

## Internationalisation and Collaboration with Mainland China (1)

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- ✓ The higher education sector has a crucial role to help Hong Kong retain its uniqueness as an international city, and maintain close relationship with the Mainland system.
- ✓ Institutions should enhance the international character of their faculty, students and curricula.



## **Internationalisation and Collaboration with Mainland China (2)**

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- ✓ Should strengthen local students' biliterate and trilingual abilities, provide them with more overseas exchange opportunities and enhance their competitiveness in a globalised world.
- ✓ Institutions should develop more research and graduate programmes combining Asian and Western perspectives, and deepen collaboration with the Mainland (in particular the Pearl River Delta).

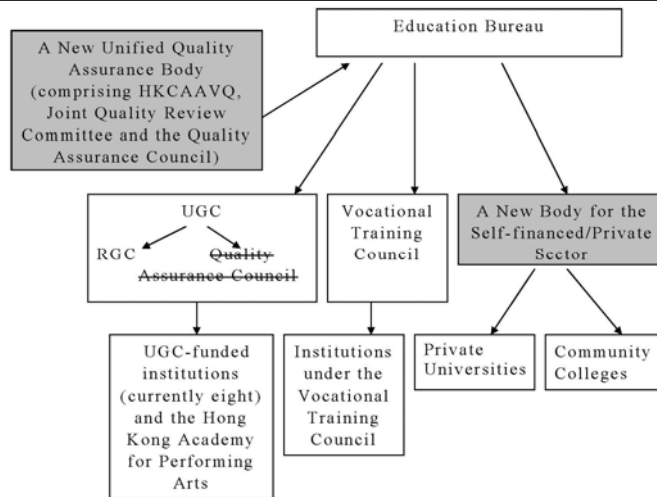


## **Improved System-level Structure**

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- ✓ Expansion over a period of time has resulted in a fragmented and complex post-secondary education system. Need to treat the whole of the post-secondary provision as one system.
- ✓ The improved structure should have a comprehensive Credit Accumulation and Transfer System (CATS) and a single quality assurance body.

## Proposed Structure of Various Bodies Regulating the Post-secondary Sector



(Shaded boxes denote those new bodies recommended to be established)

Thank You!