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Clerk to Panel  
Legislative Council Panel on Education  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
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Hong Kong  
(Attn: Ms Amy Yu)

Dear Ms Yu,

**Panel on Education**  
**Follow-up to meeting on 14 May 2012**

I refer to paragraph 1(c) of your letter of 16 May 2012.

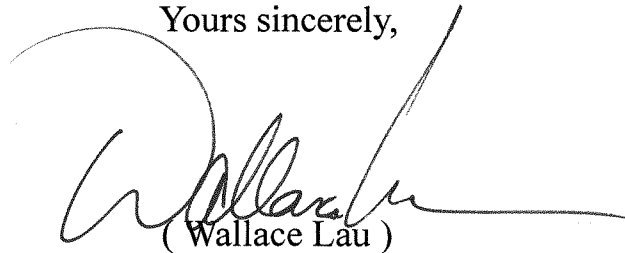
At the meeting of the Panel on Education on 14 May 2012, a Member suggested rendering more support to the fund-raising efforts for sub-degree operations, including providing matching grant for private donations for sub-degree programmes at a \$1 for \$1 matching ratio.

The proposed Sixth Matching Grant Scheme (MGS) will for the first time be extended to cover self-financing sub-degree operations and all approved post-secondary colleges with a good mix of sub-degree and degree programmes. We also propose that donations will be matched based on a ratio of \$1 for \$1 up to \$60 million, benefiting sub-degree and degree operations on an equal basis. Experiences indicate that donations invariably do not specify beneficiaries in terms of the level of study, so that institutions will have more flexibility in their deployment. To ensure that the sixth round of MGS is fair and easy to administer, we consider it prudent to maintain the

currently proposed matching formula and operating terms. We will also require participating institutions to report on the funds used to benefit sub-degree operations to ensure transparency and accountability.

I should be grateful if you could help circulate the information to Members.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wallace Lau', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

(Wallace Lau)  
for Secretary for Education

cc Secretary-General, University Grants Committee  
(Attn: Mrs Dorothy Ma)