

**For discussion
on 14 April 2014**

Legislative Council Panel on Education

**107ET – A school for social development for
girls at Choi Hing Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon**

PURPOSE

We need to build a school for social development (SSD) for girls cum residential home to cope with the shortage of school places of SSD for girls and to implement the New Senior Secondary (NSS) Curriculum under the New Academic Structure. This paper briefs Members on the proposed capital works project for building an SSD-cum-residential home for girls at Choi Hing Road, Kwun Tong.

PROJECT SCOPE AND NATURE

2. The project scope includes the construction of an 18-classroom SSD for girls and a 202-place residential home, at an estimated cost of \$358.1 million in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices. The proposed scope of works includes –

School Portion

- (a) 18 classrooms;
- (b) three small group teaching rooms;
- (c) 11 special rooms, comprising a music room, a visual arts room, a multi-purpose room, a computer room, a design and technology workshop, a computer-assisted-learning room, an integrated science laboratory, a home-economics room, and three rooms for elective

subjects¹;

- (d) two interview rooms;
- (e) a conference room;
- (f) a library;
- (g) an assembly hall;
- (h) a student activity centre; and
- (i) other ancillary facilities, including a disabled / fireman's lift, facilities for the disabled, stores and toilets.

Residential Home Portion

- (a) bedrooms to accommodate 202 boarders;
- (b) eight sitting rooms;
- (c) eight study rooms;
- (d) a dining/multi-purpose hall;
- (e) a kitchen;
- (f) a central laundry and linen store;
- (g) two interview rooms; and
- (h) other ancillary facilities, including toilets, pantries, staff duty and sleep-in rooms, sick bays, parent-child chambers, a quarter for superintendent, staff office and storerooms.

3. A site plan and views of the new school premises and residential

¹ The three elective subjects are (i) Geography; (ii) Health Management and Social Care; and (iii) Technology and Living (Fashion, Clothing and Textile).

home (artist's impression) are at Enclosures 1 and 2.

JUSTIFICATION

4. In order to tie in with the implementation of the NSS Curriculum under the New Academic Structure and to meet the projected shortage of school places of SSD for girls, the Education Bureau (EDB) and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) plan to construct an SSD-cum-residential home for girls with moderate to severe emotional and behavioural difficulties.

5. The SSD for girls provides intensive counselling and educational guidance for students with behavioural and emotional difficulties with a view to helping them tide over their transient development difficulties and strengthening their life skills so that they may resume mainstream education as soon as possible. With the implementation of the NSS Curriculum under the New Academic Structure, SSD has started operating Secondary 6 classes from the 2011/12 school year when the NSS was fully implemented. This development requires the expansion of SSD to cater for the increased demand for SSD services.

6. In the 2013/14 school year, the demand for SSD for girls is 330. However, the design capacity of SSD currently stands at only 180 school places. At present, existing SSDs for girls are operating beyond their capacity to meet the excess demand as far as the existing infrastructure permits. Based on the school places provided in existing SSDs for girls, 200 residential home places are being provided in the boarding section of existing SSDs for girls at the moment. We project that the demand for SSD for girls will remain at 330 school places in the 2017/18 school year and will increase to 390 school places by the 2020/21 school year, resulting in a shortfall of 210 school places in 2020/21 school year if no new SSD for girls is built by then. To meet the projected shortfall and to improve the over-crowded problem in existing SSDs for girls, there is a genuine need to construct an SSD for girls and a residential home to provide additional school and residential places. When the new SSD commences operation in 2017/18, the school places and residential home places in SSD for girls will reach 450 and 402 respectively. The slightly over-supply will provide a buffer for future expansion of the SSD for future further increase in demand or for improvement on the class size of SSD.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

7. We plan to seek the endorsement and funding approval of the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council for the proposed project in June 2014. Subject to the funding approval of the Finance Committee, the construction works are expected to start in December 2014 for completion in January 2017.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

8. We consulted the Social Services Committee of Kwun Tong District Council on project **107ET** on 28 January 2014. Members of the Committee supported the project.

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從東北面望向學校的鳥瞰圖
AERIAL VIEW FROM NORTH EASTERN DIRECTION (ARTIST'S IMPRESSION)

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