

Panel on Education
List of outstanding items for discussion
(Position as at 5 December 2014)

Proposed timing
for discussion

Post-secondary education

- 1. Progress on various initiatives to broaden the opportunities for local students to receive subsidized higher education**

Item proposed by Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN, Hon Charles MOK and Dr Hon Helena WONG. The Panel had discussed issues relating to this subject, including scholarship schemes and Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors, at its meetings on 10 June 2013, 27 January and 14 April 2014.

To be
confirmed

- 2. Provision of financial assistance to post-secondary students**

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.

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(proposed by the
Administration)

- 3. Admission to University Grants Committee("UGC")-funded institutions through the Joint University Programmes Admission System ("JUPAS") and non-JUPAS routes and to UGC-funded post-graduate programmes**

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen, Hon Gary FAN and Dr Hon Helena WONG. At its meeting on 10 February 2014, the Panel had discussed issues relating to admission of students under non-JUPAS and of non-local students to publicly-funded postgraduate programmes.

To be
confirmed

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for discussion

4. Policy on funding support provided to post-secondary institutions by the University Grants Committee and the Research Grants Council

Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed that the Panel should arrange a meeting to receive views from deputations. At the meeting to be held on 8 December 2014, the Administration will brief the Panel on various types of funding support made available by the Government for research work conducted by the post-secondary education sector.

To be
confirmed

5. Policy on the provision of publicly-funded associate degree programmes

Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN was concerned about the discontinuation of certain Higher Diploma programmes offered by Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

To be
confirmed

6. Issues related to the provision of programme places by publicly-funded post secondary institutions, the level of tuition fees, and the composition of their governing bodies

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen and Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN.

To be
confirmed

7. Policy on the development and provision of premises and hostels for post-secondary institutions

Item proposed by Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN. Issues related to this subject had been discussed on 30 May 2013 and 13 January 2014 when the Panel discussed financial proposals to provide start-up loans for post-secondary education providers. At its meetings on 11 March and 10 June 2013, the Panel had also discussed issues relating to the existing policy on the use of land for education purposes.

To be
confirmed

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8. The appointment and extension of appointment of teaching staff in publicly-funded post-secondary institutions

Item proposed by Dr Hon Helena WONG.

To be
confirmed

Secondary and primary education

9. Review of the New Senior Secondary Curriculum and Assessment and related issues (including concerns arising from Chinese History and Liberal Studies subjects)

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. The subject was last discussed on 9 June 2014. At the meeting to be held on 8 December 2014, the Administration will brief the Panel on the analysis of the patterns and trends of the registration for the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination of various subjects with reference to the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination and/or Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination in the past.

To be
confirmed

10. Decline in secondary student population and related issues, including small class teaching and class-to-teacher ratio in secondary schools

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen and Hon Abraham SHEK. The subject on Measures to address issues arising from the drop in secondary student population was last discussed on 18 March 2014. Issues related to the class-to-teacher ratio and teacher-to-student ratio had been discussed on 10 and 22 June 2013, while issues related to small class teaching had been discussed at several meetings including those held on 2 and 3 November 2012 and 17 April 2013.

To be
confirmed

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11. Issues related to Primary One school places and primary class size

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. The Panel had discussed issues related to increasing the number of students allocated to each Primary One class on 12 May and 16 July 2014.

To be
confirmed

12. Issues arising from cross-boundary students and the feasibility of establishing publicly-funded schools in Shenzhen offering the Hong Kong curriculum for children born in Hong Kong but residing in Shenzhen

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN and Hon IP Kin-yuen. The Panel had discussed issues relating to cross-boundary students at a number of meetings during the last two sessions when the provision of school places and school place allocation of kindergartens, primary schools and secondary schools were discussed on 7 February, 9 July and 28 October 2013, and 12 May 2014. At the meeting on 10 November 2014, Hon Michael TIEN considered that the Administration should brief members as early as possible on its decision on this matter.

To be
confirmed

13. Class-to-teacher ratio and staff establishment in primary schools

Item proposed by Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai and Hon IP Kin-yuen. Issues related to the class-to-teacher ratio and teacher-to-student ratio had been discussed on 10 and 22 June 2013.

To be
confirmed

14. Review on the implementation of Territory-wide System Assessment

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. The subject was last discussed on 13 January 2014. Members had also expressed their concerns on this subject when Hon Michael TIEN's motion on "Returning a happy childhood to students" was debated at the Council meeting of 5 November 2014.

To be
confirmed

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15. Review on the policy for Direct Subsidy Scheme schools

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN, Dr Hon Helena WONG and Hon IP Kin-yuen. The subject was last discussed on 13 January 2014.

To be
confirmed

16. Standard of school premises and upgrading of facilities of special schools

Item proposed by Hon Cyd HO. At its meeting on 9 June 2014, the Panel had discussed issues related to the policy and programme on redevelopment of primary and secondary schools and special schools.

To be
confirmed

17. Review on the subvention arrangements for the English Schools Foundation

After the Administration had reported the progress of the review to the Panel on 9 July 2013, Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN wrote to the Chairman on 12 July 2013 proposing that the Panel should arrange a meeting to receive views from stakeholders.

To be
confirmed

18. Implementation of civic education

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.

To be
confirmed

IT in education

19. Progress of implementing the Support Scheme on e-Learning in Schools and the e-Textbook Market Development Scheme

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN, Hon Charles MOK and Hon IP Kin-yuen. Issues related to the Support Scheme on e-Learning in Schools, e-Textbook Market Development Scheme and implementation of IT education had been discussed on 9 December 2013 and 9 June 2014

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when the Panel discussed the subjects on supporting schools to adopt e-textbook to facilitate learning and teaching and the Fourth Strategy on Information Technology in Education.

Issues related to the learning of Chinese and English

20. Chinese learning for ethnic minorities and non-Chinese speaking students

Item proposed by Dr Hon Helena WONG and Hon IP Kin-yuen. The Panel had discussed issues relating to enhanced Chinese learning and teaching for non-Chinese speaking students and the Chinese Language Curriculum Second Language Learning Framework on 14 April and 16 July 2014.

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21. Policy on the Teaching of Chinese Language subject in Putonghua

Item proposed by Hon Gary FAN.

To be
confirmed

22. Issues related to English proficiency of students and the policies on the teaching and learning of English

At the meeting on 16 October 2012, it was agreed that the Panel would discuss matters related to English proficiency of students and the policies on the teaching and learning of English.

To be
confirmed

Issues related to the teaching force

23. Employment opportunities for young teachers

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. Issues related to employment opportunities for young teachers had been discussed on 10 and 22 June 2013 when the Panel discussed teachers employed on fixed-term contracts and the class-to-teacher ratio in secondary schools.

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Others

24. The existing education system [*and the future of Hong Kong*]

Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed that the Panel should arrange a meeting to receive views from students. The part in italics falls outside the purview of the Panel.

To be
confirmed

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