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Legislative Council Panel on Education Public Policy Research Funding Scheme

Purpose

The Legislative Council Panel on Education wrote to the Head, Central Policy Unit (CPU) on 2 December 2014 to invite CPU to provide an update on the Public Policy Research Funding Scheme (PPRFS). This paper reports on the present position of the PPRFS.

Background

2. CPU briefed the Panel on Education on PPRFS on 21 February 2013 and 2 December 2013.
3. Since the introduction of the PPRFS in 2005, the Government has allocated \$20 million annually for promoting public policy research. From 2013-14 onwards, the CPU is administering the day-to-day operation of the PPRFS. The Scheme has been open for application since 16 July 2013. Details of the Scheme have been posted on CPU's web site (www.cpu.gov.hk). To increase the Scheme's flexibility and to cater for potential applicants' needs, applications are accepted throughout the year. Applications are processed once received. Vetting normally takes about three to four months. These arrangements allow the launch and completion of research in a more flexible and timely manner.
4. To encourage and support more academics and researchers to conduct public policy research, the Scheme is open to academics who are teaching undergraduate programmes or above; visiting scholars/adjunct professors/ honorary professors/emeritus professors and research officers who are eligible to teach undergraduate programmes or above at local degree-awarding institutions; as well as public policy researchers at local non-profit-making think tanks. This would further foster a culture of public policy research in Hong Kong.
5. To better address the current policy research needs of the community and the Government, CPU has formulated 21 indicative research areas for reference by tertiary institutions and think tanks. Applicants can also propose their own research areas for consideration by the Assessment Panel and CPU. Whenever a research need is identified, CPU would invite applications on special research topics.
6. To ensure academic freedom and quality of research, an Assessment Panel comprising 16 local experienced academics is responsible for the assessment of applications. The panel and reviewers, who are academics and experts outside the panel

assess the applications according to the assessment criteria and details already announced. A declaration of interests system is in place to ensure that assessments are fair and just.

7. To enhance the transparency of the Scheme, all research reports will be uploaded onto CPU's web site. CPU will organise seminars and workshops to encourage academics, researchers, experts, practitioners, officials and other stakeholders to exchange views on on-going or completed research.

Present Position

8. As of mid-November 2014, 116 applications were received. The total funding sought was about \$70 million. On the advice of the Assessment Panel, a total of 33 projects with a total funding of about \$15 million were approved, while 50 were declined. Other applications are being processed.

9. The funded projects cover a wide spectrum of policy areas, including land and housing, ageing and retirement protection, population policies, environmental protection, ethnic minorities, economic development, governance and administration, regional co-operation and development, poverty and inequality, ageing population, the impact of new media on politics and governance, and labour and employment. Details of these funded projects have been uploaded onto CPU's website (www.cpu.gov.hk).

10. Composition of the Assessment Panel and the list of granted projects are enclosed at Annex A and Annex B.

Central Policy Unit
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Remark: Members of the Assessment Panel are appointed on a personal basis

Public Policy Research (PPR) Funding Scheme

List of Granted Projects2013-14 (First Round), 2014-15 (First Round, Second Round and Third Round)

	Project Number	Principal Investigator	Institution/ Think Tank	Project Title	Duration (month)	Funding (HK\$)
1	2013.A2.001.13A	Prof LI Si Ming	Hong Kong Baptist University	Land and Housing Policies in Post-Handover Hong Kong : Political Economy and Urban Space	12	416,760.00
2	2013.A3.002.13A	Prof CHAN Cheung Ming Alfred	Lingnan University	A Study on the Preferences and Feasibility of Optional Retirement in Hong Kong: A Human Resources Management Perspective	9	544,255.00
3	2013.A3.003.13A	Prof CHAN Cheung Ming Alfred	Lingnan University	Retirement Planning for Pre-retiree in Hong Kong	9	516,954.00
4	2013.A3.004.13A	Dr LI Pang Kwong	Lingnan University	The Governing System of Pre-1997 Hong Kong: Archival Study of Selected Policies / Events	12	443,497.50
5	2013.A4.001.13A	Prof Catherine A MCBRIDE CHANG	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Processes of Children's Literacy Acquisition in Chinese as a Second Language	24	461,088.40
6	2013.A6.006.13A	Prof CHAN Hon Wan Edwin	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Sustainable Planning Criteria (SPC) for Age-friendly Precincts (AFP) in the New Development Areas (NDAs) of Hong Kong	12	528,471.00
7	2013.A6.007.13A	Prof Albert P. C. CHAN	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Improving Safety Communication of Ethnic Minorities in the Construction Industry	15	488,750.00
8	2013.A6.010.13A	Dr LU Lin	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Study on the Development Potential and Energy Incentives of Rooftop Solar Photovoltaic Applications in Hong Kong	12	424,120.00
9	2013.A6.012.13A	Dr GUO Hai	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Can We Get Rid of Smoggy Days in Hong Kong: Formation Mechanism and Control Strategies?	12	662,969.30
10	2013.A6.013.13A	Dr WANG Yuhong	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Development of a Policy for Optimizing the Use of Inert Solid Wastes in Road Pavement Construction	18	373,635.00

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11	2013.A6.022.13A	Dr ZHU Ling	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Is the Polluter Paying? Assessing the Application of the "Polluter Pays" Principle to Ship-Source Pollution in Hong Kong	9	258,750.00
12	2013.A6.024.13A	Dr WONG Man Sing	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	A Remote Sensing Study of Solar Energy Supply in Cloud-prone Areas of Hong Kong	12	359,869.50
13	2013.A6.025.13A	Prof Eric W. T. NGAI	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Green Information Technology Adoption in Hong Kong: An Empirical Analysis and Policy Implications for Sustainable Development	12	329,906.30
14	2013.A6.029.13A	Prof QIU Hanqin	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Towards Sustainability: Exploring the Social and Economic Dimensions of Travel to Hong Kong by Mainland Chinese	12	428,490.00
15	2013.A6.030.13A	Dr TSE Sze Ming Tony	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Shaping Tourism Development: Anticipating Changes and Impacts, and Managing Consequences and Conflicts	12	269,100.00
16	2013.A6.032.14C	Prof HSU Hui Chun Cathy	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Enhancing Hong Kong's Competitiveness as a Regional Cruise Hub from a Policy Perspective	12	556,600.00
17	2013.A7.001.13A	Prof ZHANG Xueqing	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Developing an Integrated Construction Waste Management Policy Framework in Hong Kong	12	485,415.00
18	2013.A7.005.14A	Prof WU Xiaogang	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Dynamics of Poverty in Hong Kong: A Supplementary Survey	12	423,200.00
19	2013.A8.002.13A	Dr LI Ling Hin	The University of Hong Kong	Granger Causality Analysis of Land Supply and Housing Market Performance - Implications for Long Term Urban Land Policy in Hong Kong	12	519,570.00
20	2013.A8.004.13A	Prof Paul S. F. YIP	The University of Hong Kong	A Study of Aspiration of Fertility amongst Married Women in Hong Kong (Age 15-49)	9	365,700.00
21	2013.A8.005.13A	Prof Paul S. F. YIP	The University of Hong Kong	A Study of Movement of Type 1 and 2 Babies in Hong Kong	8	308,706.00

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22	2013.A8.006.14A	Prof John BACON SHONE	The University of Hong Kong	Language Use, Proficiency and Attitudes in Hong Kong	12	714,985.00
23	2013.A8.009.14A	Dr FU King Wa	The University of Hong Kong	Can Online Opinion Reflect Public Opinion? An Investigation into the Interplays between Online Opinion, Public Opinion, and Mass Media	24	556,888.00
24	2013.A8.010.14A	Dr LUM Yat Sang Terry	The University of Hong Kong	Family Caregiving and Long-term Care Decision of People with Dementia in Hong Kong	9	332,426.70
25	2013.A8.012.14B	Mr LEUNG Cheuk Fai Jimmy	The University of Hong Kong	Industrial Land Use Changes in Response to Economic Restructuring in Hong Kong	12	704,812.00
26	2013.A8.014.14C	Prof LAI Wai Chung Lawrence	The University of Hong Kong	Repeated Planning Applications by Developers under Statutory Zoning: A Hong Kong Case Study of Delays in Private Residential Development	12	640,366.00
27	2013.C.002.13A	Prof LAU Sau Shing Patrick	Dashun Policy Research Centre	Age-friendly Housing Policies	10	579,383.00
28	2013.C.003.14A	Mr CHEUNG Wai Lam	One Country Two Systems Research Institute	Assessment of the Impact and Opportunities of the HK-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge to HK in the New Economic Situation	6	588,000.00
29	2014.A1.004.14D	Dr CHAN Ho Yan Clara	City University of Hong Kong	The Drafting Policy for Hong Kong's Bilingual Legislation: A Communicative Approach	12	318,036.60
30	2014.A5.003.14D	Dr CHEUNG Chi Kin Kelvin	The Hong Kong Institute of Education	Poverty of Ethnic Minority Children in Hong Kong	12	322,414.00
31	2014.A7.007.14C	Prof WU Xiaogang	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Hong Kong Immigrants in Shenzhen: Facts and Challenges	12	229,452.60
32	2014.A8.016.14C	Dr CHUI Ting Fong May	The University of Hong Kong	Developing Sustainable Hong Kong through Low Impact Development: from Science to Innovation Policy	12	455,975.00
33	2014.C.006.14C	Ir Dr CHOI Yu Leuk	Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences	Enhancing Policy on Building Maintenance: Solving the Residential Seepage Problem	12	737,150.00