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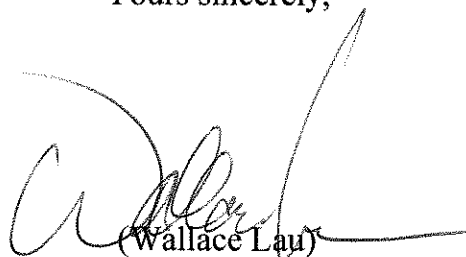
Clerk to Panel on Education
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn.: Miss Polly Yeung)

Dear Miss Yeung,

**Follow-up to meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Education
held on 13 April 2015**

In response to Members' request for supplementary information on the availability of and requirements for publicly-funded hostel places at the meeting of the Panel on Education held on 13 April 2015, we provide the relevant information at Annex for Members' information.

Yours sincerely,



(Wallace Lau)
for Secretary for Education

c.c. Secretary-General, University Grants Committee (Attn.: Ms Eva Yam)

Annex

Under the Government's prevailing student hostel policy, the provision of publicly-funded student hostels in the University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded institutions is calculated in accordance with the following criteria¹:

- all undergraduate students should be given the opportunity to stay in student hostel for at least one year of their courses; and
- all research postgraduates, non-local students as well as undergraduate students whose daily travelling time exceeds four hours, should be provided with student hostel places.

2. The existing number and shortfall of publicly-funded hostel places of the UGC-funded institutions in the 2014/15 academic year, calculated based on the actual enrolment ratio of non-local students, is listed below.

Institution	Existing number ²	Additional number required
City University of Hong Kong (CityU)	3 485	1 898
Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU)	1 860	881
Lingnan University	1 300	-
The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)	6 182	1 271
The Hong Kong Institute of Education	2 003	-
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)	4 654	1 250
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)	3 951	1 159
The University of Hong Kong (HKU)	5 725	1 891
Total	29 160	8 350

3. The UGC and the Government continue to work closely with institutions to meet the additional requirements for publicly-funded hostel places. Apart from the project of the CUHK on a student hostel on its northern campus, the UGC has provided policy support to ten other hostel projects submitted by institutions, which will provide a total of some 9 400 publicly-funded hostel places upon implementation. Of which, 5 600 places to be delivered in three capital projects from the HKU, as well as one each from CUHK, HKUST and CityU, are undergoing the detailed design stage. Institutions involved will seek funding support under the established mechanism. The rest of the 3 800 places will be delivered in four capital projects, two from CUHK, and one each from HKBU and PolyU which have not yet commenced the detailed design.

¹ The criteria are applicable to all UGC-funded institutions, except for Lingnan University (which has been provided with publicly-funded hostel places for 50% of its full-time degree student population having regard to its remote location in Tuen Mun and its aspiration to develop itself into a relatively small, fully residential liberal arts institution) and the Hong Kong Institute of Education (which has been provided with publicly-funded hostel places for 50% of its full-time degree student population projected at the time of establishment of the Institute having regard to the potential benefits that hostel life would bring to the quality of pre-service teacher education).

² Including 520 places under construction.