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Paper for the House Committee meeting on 5 February 2016

**Priority allocation of a debate slot for a motion debate on
the Report of the Subcommittee to Study the Implementation of
Free Kindergarten Education**

Purpose

This paper invites Members to consider the request of the Panel on Education ("the Panel") under Rule 14A(h) of the House Rules ("HR") for the priority allocation of a debate slot for a motion debate on the Report of the Subcommittee to Study the Implementation of Free Kindergarten Education ("Report of the Subcommittee") at the Council meeting of 27 April 2016.

Report of the Subcommittee

2. The Subcommittee was appointed by the Panel on 14 April 2014. It commenced work in October 2014 and held a total of 13 meetings, including two meetings of prolonged duration to receive deputations' views. Upon completion of its study, the Subcommittee submitted a report to the Panel (LC Paper No. CB(4)532/15-16(01))¹. In its report, the Subcommittee has set out its analysis and observations on various issues related to the implementation of free kindergarten education, as well as put forward 54 recommendations and proposed the way forward.

Motion debate

3. The implementation of free kindergarten education is an important milestone in Hong Kong's education system. New initiatives have also been announced in the 2016 Policy Address. In view of wide public

¹ Available at http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr15-16/english/panels/ed/ed_fke/reports/ed_fkecb4-532-1-e.pdf

concerns over the policy and future arrangements for taking forward free quality kindergarten education, the Subcommittee has proposed that the approval of the House Committee be sought for the priority allocation of a debate slot under HR14A(h) for moving a motion for debate on the Report of the Subcommittee at a Council meeting. The debate will provide an opportunity for all Members to express views on the subject and for the Administration to respond. The wording of the motion is in the **Annex**.

4. Having regard to the schedule of Council meetings in March and April 2016 and the anticipated businesses to be transacted, it has been proposed to hold the aforesaid motion debate at the Council meeting of 27 April 2016. It has also been proposed that in addition to the debate on the Report of the Subcommittee, only one other debate on a Member's motion not intended to have legislative effect should be held at the same Council meeting. At its meeting held on 1 February 2016, the Panel agreed to the above proposed arrangements.

5. Subject to the House Committee's agreement to allocate a debate slot, the Panel will designate Hon Starry LEE, Chairman of the former Subcommittee, to move the motion on the Report of the Subcommittee for debate at the Council meeting of 27 April 2016. Pursuant to HR14A(h), should the House Committee accede to the Panel's request to allocate a slot to Hon Starry LEE for moving the motion, the debate slot will not be counted as Ms LEE's own slot.

Advice sought

6. Members are invited to consider the Panel's request for the priority allocation of a debate slot under HR14A(h) as set out in paragraphs 3 to 5 above.

2016年4月27日(星期三)
立法會會議席上
李慧琼議員就
"研究落實免費幼稚園教育小組委員會的報告"提出的議案

議案措辭

"本會察悉研究落實免費幼稚園教育小組委員會的報告。"

(Translation)

**Motion on "Report of the Subcommittee to Study
the Implementation of Free Kindergarten Education"
to be moved by Hon Starry LEE
at the Council meeting of Wednesday, 27 April 2016**

Wording of the Motion

"That this Council notes the Report of the Subcommittee to Study
the Implementation of Free Kindergarten Education."