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Panel on Education

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 15 October 2015, at 11:00 am
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, SBS, JP(Chairman)
Hon IP Kin-yuen (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon NG Leung-sing, SBS, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok

Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP

**Members
absent** : Hon WONG Yuk-man
Hon Dennis KWOK
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

**Clerk in
attendance** : Miss Polly YEUNG
Chief Council Secretary (4)4

**Staff in
attendance** : Ms Anita SIT
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mr KWONG Kam-fai
Senior Council Secretary (4)4

Miss Mandy NG
Council Secretary (4)4

Miss Winnie CHENG
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)1

Ms Sandy HAU
Legislative Assistant (4)4

Miss Emma LAM
Clerical Assistant (4)3

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

(Appendix III to LC Paper No. CB(4)6/15-16 -- Terms of reference of the Panel

Appendix IV to LC Paper No. CB(4)6/15-16 -- List of Government advisory bodies relevant to the Panel)

Action

Election of Chairman

Dr LAM Tai-fai, the incumbent Chairman, invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session. Mr TAM Yiu-chung nominated Dr LAM Tai-fai and the nomination was seconded by Mr Steven HO. Dr LAM Tai-fai accepted the nomination.

2. As Dr LAM Tai-fai accepted the nomination, Mr IP Kin-yuen, the incumbent Deputy Chairman, took over the chair and invited further nominations, if any. As there was no other nomination, Mr IP Kin-yuen declared Dr LAM Tai-fai elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship for the 2015-2016 session.

4. Dr Helena WONG nominated Mr IP Kin-yuen and the nomination was seconded by Dr Kenneth CHAN. Mr IP Kin-yuen accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr IP Kin-yuen elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2015-2016 session

5. Members agreed that the regular meetings of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session would continue to be held on the second Monday of each month at 4:30 pm. As 8 February 2016 was a public holiday, members agreed to re-schedule the meeting to 1 February 2016.

6. In consideration that the sessions of the National People's Congress and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Committee were usually held in the early weeks of March each year, Mr Michael TIEN asked whether it was feasible to re-schedule the March meeting of the Panel originally scheduled for 14 March 2016. The Chairman noted Mr TIEN's view and said that before consideration could be given to varying the meeting arrangements in due course, the Secretariat would need to check the availability of meeting slots in March 2016.

(Post-meeting note: The schedule of regular meetings for the 2015-2016 session was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)22/15-16 on 15 October 2015.)

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III. Items for discussion at next meeting

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| (Appendix V to LC Paper No.
CB(4)6/15-16 | -- List of outstanding items
for discussion |
| Appendix VI to LC Paper No.
CB(4)6/15-16 | -- List of follow-up actions) |

Items for discussion at the regular meeting on 9 November 2015

7. The Chairman informed members that the Administration had proposed to discuss the following items at the next regular meeting to be held on 9 November 2015 –

- (a) Progress of implementation of initiatives to strengthen vocational education; and
- (b) Progress on implementation of the Fourth Strategy on Information Technology in Education.

8. Members agreed to include these two items on the agenda of the next regular meeting. The Chairman said that he would discuss with the Deputy Chairman and the Secretariat to include further discussion item(s).

Items for discussion at future meetings

9. At the Chairman's invitation, members proposed items for future discussion. A list of members' proposed items was set out in the **Annex**.

10. The Deputy Chairman, Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung and Mr Michael TIEN opined that to allow sufficient time for discussion, it would be desirable to reduce the number of items on the agenda for each meeting from four items to three. Mr Michael TIEN also suggested that the Panel could consider extending the duration of meetings or holding additional meetings. The Deputy Chairman remarked that not all of the items proposed by the Administration should require discussion at Panel meetings.

11. The Chairman noted members' views and advised that it was necessary to strike a balance between allowing reasonable time for discussion on the one hand, and dealing with the many issues (including some urgent financial proposals) proposed for discussion on the other. He would work closely with the Deputy Chairman, the Secretariat and the Administration in determining the meeting arrangements.

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IV. Any other business

Subcommittee to Study the Implementation of Free Kindergarten Education

12. Members noted that the House Committee had given permission for the Subcommittee to Study the Implementation of Free Kindergarten to extend its work for three months till 26 January 2016. The Chairman said that the Subcommittee would re-open its membership, and that it would be for the Subcommittee to decide at its first meeting in this session whether re-election of Chairman was necessary. Members raised no objection to the arrangements.

(Post-meeting note: The circular inviting signification of membership was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(4)21/15-16 on 15 October 2015.)

13. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:22 am.

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List of discussion items proposed by members

	Item proposed by	Item on the "List of outstanding items for discussion"
<u>Post-secondary education</u>		
1. Issues related to the governing legislation for universities including the composition of their governing bodies, the role and power of the Chancellor [The members urged for early discussion and Mr IP suggested to receive views from deputations.]	Hon IP Kin-yuen Dr Hon Helena WONG Hon Cyd HO	_____
2. Policy on funding support provided to post-secondary institutions by the University Grants Committee and the Research Grants Council [Dr WONG urged for early discussion.]	Dr Hon Helena WONG	Item 1
3. Issues related to the level of tuition fees charged on non-local students pursuing publicly-funded postgraduate programmes	Dr Hon Helena WONG	_____
4. Issues related to the collection of enrolment deposits and tuition fees for self-financing post-secondary programmes	Hon WONG Kwok-hing	_____
5. Grievance procedures of the University Grants Committee-funded institutions	Hon IP Kin-yuen	_____
<u>Secondary, primary and kindergarten education</u>		
6. Issues related to the policy of fine-tuning the medium of instruction for secondary schools	Hon Michael TIEN	_____

7. Issues related to English proficiency of students and the policies on the teaching and learning of English	Hon Michael TIEN	Item 9
[Mr TIEN urged for early discussion.]		
8. Review on the implementation of Territory-wide System Assessment	Hon Michael TIEN Hon IP Kin-yuen	Item 5
[Mr TIEN and Mr IP urged for early discussion.]		
9. Teacher establishment in primary schools and secondary schools, and issues related to contract teachers	Hon IP Kin-yuen	_____
10. Issues related to the Block Insurance Policy taken out by the Government for aided schools	Hon IP Kin-yuen	_____
11. Administrative arrangements and subsidy for exchange programmes outside Hong Kong	Hon IP Kin-yuen	_____
12. Review on the subvention arrangements for the English Schools Foundation	Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN	Item 7
13. Issues related to policy and programme on reprovisioning and redevelopment of sub-standard school premises	Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN	Item 8
[Dr CHAN urged for an early discussion.]		
14. Implementation of life planning education	Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan	_____
15. Review of the New Senior Secondary curriculum and the Liberal Studies subject	Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG	_____

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| 16. Support for students with special educational needs attending kindergartens | Hon IP Kin-yuen | _____ |
| 17. Issues related to teaching and non-teaching manpower in special schools | Hon Cyd HO | _____ |
| 18. Issues related to provision of international school places | Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN | _____ |
| <u>Others</u> | | |
| 19. Measures to follow up the incidents of excessive lead found in the drinking water of certain schools | Dr Hon Helena WONG | _____ |
| 20. Issues related to school bus services | Hon IP Kin-yuen | _____ |