

Panel on Education
List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 28 November 2017)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

School project

1. **8012EE – Redevelopment of Island School at 20 Borrett Road, Mid-Levels**

January 2018

The proposed project is for the construction of a 42-classroom secondary school premises for in-situ redevelopment of Island School. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the proposal before its submission to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee.

2. **8032ED – Conversion to Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association Buddhist Po Kwong School**

To be confirmed

The proposed project is for the conversion works of Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association Buddhist Po Kwong School so as to upgrade existing facilities and provide additional facilities to enable the special school to implement the New Senior Secondary academic structure and improvement measures on extension of years of study for students of special schools.

3. **8033ED – Provision of Boarding Section of Hong Chi Pinehill School and Re-provisioning of Boarding Section of Hong Chi Pinehill No. 2 School in Tai Po**

To be confirmed

The proposed project is for construction of a new annex with two separate boarding sections to provide 60 reprovisioned boarding places for students with severe intellectual disability in Hong Chi Pinehill No. 2 School and to provide 60 boarding places for students with moderate intellectual disability in Hong Chi Pinehill School.

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- 4. 8095EB – Partial redevelopment of Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club College at 2B Tai Cheong Street, Sai Wan Ho**

To be confirmed

The proposed partial redevelopment project is for the in-situ redevelopment of Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club College at 2B Tai Cheong Street, Sai Wan Ho to improve the school's learning environment.

- 5. 8096EB – Construction of an assembly hall at Munsang College at 8 Dumbarton Road, Kowloon City**

To be confirmed

The proposed project is for the construction of an assembly hall block to Munsang College at 8 Dumbarton Road, Kowloon City to improve the existing school facilities in light of the related prevailing standard.

Post-secondary education

- 6. Operation of the University Grants Committee-funded institutions**

- (a) Governance, grievance procedures, the appointment and extension of appointment of teaching staff

To be confirmed

Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed to discuss issues related to the governance of post-secondary institutions and grievance procedures of the University Grants Committee ("UGC")-funded institutions. Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed discussion on the appointment and extension of appointment of teaching staff in UGC-funded institutions.

Hon Tanya CHAN proposed to review the governing legislation of individual UGC-funded institutions that the Chief Executive was the ex-officio Chancellor of these institutions. Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed to discuss the need to make amendments to the University of Hong Kong Ordinance (Cap. 1053).

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(b) Provision of funding and subsidy

To be
confirmed

Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed to discuss the review of the policies on the provision of funding for UGC-funded institutions and subsidy for non-local students attending UGC-funded post-graduate research programmes.

7. Student admission to UGC-funded institutions

To be
confirmed

Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed to discuss the admission of students under the non-Joint University Programmes Admission System, as well as the admission policy of UGC-funded institutions for non-local students and students sitting for the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination. The Panel discussed admission of students under the non-Joint University Programmes Admission System at the meeting on 10 February 2014.

8. Issues related to self-financing post-secondary institutions

To be
confirmed

Dr Hon Helena WONG expressed concern about the regulation and financial transparency of self-financing post-secondary sector, which was discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 10 November 2014. Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed to discuss the review of the role and positioning of self-financing post-secondary institutions. Hon Mrs Regina IP proposed that the Administration should brief the Panel on the impact of the non-means-tested subsidy for self-financing undergraduate studies in Hong Kong on student admissions of UGC-funded and self-financing post-secondary institutions.

9. 8057EG – Joint Universities Research Archive

To be confirmed

The proposed project is for the construction of a joint storage facility for library and research materials in Kwai Chung for the eight UGC-funded universities. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the proposal before its submission to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee.

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Secondary and primary education

10. Review on Basic Competency Assessment

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by the Administration. The Panel received views from deputations on the Basic Competency Assessment Research Study at the meeting on 8 May 2017.

11. Review of the New Senior Secondary curriculum and assessment

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG, Hon Michael TIEN, Hon CHAN Chi-chuen, Hon Mrs Regina IP and Hon IP Kin-yuen. Concerns were raised about:

- (a) strengthening the teaching of Chinese literary classics and culture;
- (b) curriculum development of Business, Accounting and Financial Studies subject;
- (c) curriculum development in Mathematics and science subjects; and
- (d) curriculum, teaching methods and materials, and assessment framework for the subject of Liberal Studies.

The Panel discussed issues related to the New Senior Secondary curriculum on 15 July 2015, and the Liberal Studies subject on 8 June 2015 and 13 February 2017.

12. Promotion of sports and art education and provision of diversified curricula in schools

To be
confirmed

Hon Michael TIEN proposed discussing the promotion of sports and art education in schools. Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan and Hon Starry LEE proposed discussion on the provision of diversified curricula in aided secondary schools and public sector schools respectively.

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13. Policies on promotion of reading and the teaching and learning of English Language

To be confirmed

Hon Michael TIEN and Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed respectively discussion on the policy for promotion of reading and the Extensive Reading Scheme in primary and secondary schools. Hon Claudia MO proposed to review the policy on the teaching and learning of English Language in primary schools with a view to enhancing learning effectiveness.

14. Review of education system and implementation of parent education

To be confirmed

In view of the recent student suicide incidents, Hon Starry LEE, Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan and Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed discussion of the item. Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG and Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed that issues related to student suicides should be arranged for early discussion. The Panel discussed the Administration's measures to promote parent education at the meeting on 26 June 2017.

15. Review of the implementation of life planning education as well as vocational and professional education and training

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon CHIANG Lai-wan and Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan.

At the Panel meeting on 13 March 2017, the Administration updated members on the progress in the implementation of Career and Life Planning Education for secondary students and issues related to multiple pathways of secondary school leavers.

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16. Moral and sex education in schools

To be
confirmed

Hon Starry LEE and Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed discussion on moral education. Dr Hon Helena WONG and Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed to discuss sex education. Dr Hon Helena WONG also expressed concern about the bullying and sexual harassment in schools and implementation of gender education in schools.

17. Remuneration for contract teachers in primary and secondary schools

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.

Issues related to contract teachers were last discussed at the meeting on 12 January 2015 when the Panel discussed the employment opportunities for young teachers.

18. Staff establishment and salary structure in public sector schools

To be
confirmed

At the meeting on 11 April 2016, the Panel passed a motion urging the Administration to expeditiously conduct a review on the existing arrangements regarding staff establishment and salary structure in primary schools. In its written response, the Administration advised that as staff establishment and salary structure of primary schools were complex matters involving a wide scope of issues, it would require time to deliberate the subject. At the meeting on 28 October 2016, Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed that the subject be followed up by the Panel.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon IP Kin-yuen further proposed that the Panel should discuss and receive views from deputations on this item.

19. Review on the policy for Direct Subsidy Scheme schools

To be
confirmed

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

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20. Discussion on controversial topics in schools

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN and Hon CHAN Chi-chuen. They were concerned about the policy and guidelines, if any, in respect of the discussion on controversial topics, such as the notion of Hong Kong's secession from China, in schools.

The Administration's written response was issued to members on 21 November 2017 vide LC Paper No. CB(4)247/17-18(01).

21. Policies on construction and allocation of public sector school premises and improvement of school facilities

To be
confirmed

Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed to discuss the policy on construction and allocation of public sector school premises, installation of air-conditioning systems for aided schools and provision of barrier-free facilities in schools. Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan and Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed discussion on the improvement to hardware support for public sector schools and facilities at sub-standard school premises.

The Panel discussed the Administration's measures to improve facilities at "matchbox-style school premises" at the meeting on 13 February 2017.

22. Planning for the provision of primary and secondary school places in the light of student population

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.

Issues related to the provision and allocation of school places were discussed at the meetings on 18 March, 12 May and 16 July 2014 when the Panel discussed the measures to address issues arising from the drop in secondary student population and issues related to increasing the number of students allocated to each Primary One class.

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23. Issues related to special education and integrated education

To be confirmed

Hon IP Kin-yeun, Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG and Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki proposed discussion of this item. Concerns were raised about:

- (a) policies on the support for students with special educational needs;
- (b) the role and the staff establishment of Special Educational Needs Coordinators;
- (c) review of the numbers of students and classes in various types of special schools;
- (d) review of the social worker establishment in special schools;
- (e) policy on provision of native-speaking English teachers ("NETs") in special schools for children with intellectual disability and the Administration's follow-up action in the light of the judgement regarding the Education Bureau's non-provision of a NET for a special school for children with intellectual disability; and
- (f) the need to introduce legislation related to special educational needs.

At the meeting on 10 July 2017, the Administration briefed members on the new initiatives for integrated education and special education.

Kindergarten education

24. Free quality kindergarten education

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At the meetings on 14 November 2016 and 10 July 2017, the Administration briefed the Panel on the latest development in migration to free quality kindergarten

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education and the enhanced salary arrangements for kindergarten teachers respectively. Members expressed concerns about the salary structure and professional ladder for kindergarten teachers, provision of subsidy for whole-day and long whole-day kindergartens, teacher-to-pupil ratio and miscellaneous charges of kindergartens.

Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed at the meeting on 12 October 2017 that the staffing ratio of kindergartens be discussed by the Panel.

Information technology education

25. Strengthening the support for information technology education

To be
confirmed

Hon Charles MOK proposed to discuss the implementation of the Support Scheme for E-learning in Schools, Internet Learning Support Programme ("ILSP"), nurturing of information technology talents and support for the implementation of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics ("STEM") education. The subject of promotion of STEM education was discussed at the meeting on 14 November 2016. At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that issues relating to innovation and technology education should be arranged for early discussion.

At the meetings on 9 June 2014 and 16 February 2016, the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting ("ITB Panel") discussed issues related to nurturing information technology talents and Internet Learning Support Programme respectively when the Administration consulted ITB Panel on the funding proposal to implement the Enriched IT Programme in secondary schools and the proposal to extend ILSP.

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26. Provision of Subsidy to Needy Primary and Secondary Students for Purchasing Tablet Computers

To be confirmed

The Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address announced that the Administration would invite the Community Care Fund to consider providing subsidy to needy primary and secondary students for purchasing tablet computers. The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposal.

Others

27. Safety of drinking water in schools and measures to follow up the incidents of excessive lead found in the drinking water of certain schools

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Helena WONG.

Issues related to the incidents of lead in the drinking water were discussed by the Panel on Housing, the Panel on Health Services, the Panel on Welfare Services, and the House Committee between July 2015 and December 2016.

At the special meeting of the House Committee on 11 July 2016, the Administration briefed Members on the latest situation of the incident of lead in drinking water, and the follow-up actions taken by the Administration in response to the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Excess Lead Found in Drinking Water.

28. Financial situation of Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority and public examination fees

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.