

**For discussion on
3 May 2019**

Legislative Council Panel on Education

**Library extension and revitalisation
of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University**

PURPOSE

This paper briefs Members on the proposed capital works project for The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) to construct an additional floor on top of the university library and revitalise the existing floors of the library building within its campus in Hung Hom.

PROJECT SCOPE AND NATURE

2. The scope of the works involves mainly the construction of an additional floor providing 2 080 square meters (m²) in net operational floor area (NOFA)¹ of library space on top of the university library and revitalisation of the existing floors of the library building with an affected area of 14 600 m² in construction floor area. Upon completion of the project, the library building will provide the following new facilities –

- (a) new space on the additional floor for collaborative learning, quiet study, presentation forum and IT workstation areas;
- (b) a 24-hour learning centre, group/quiet study areas, recording studios and other student learning facilities on the existing floors from G/F to 5/F of the library building; and
- (c) additional washrooms and new lifts will be provided to cope with the increased library users.

3. A site plan and the view of the library building (artist's impression) are at Enclosures 1 and 2.

¹ NOFA is the floor area actually allocated to the users of a building for carrying out the intended activities. Unlike the construction floor area which takes into account all areas within the building structure envelop, NOFA does not include areas for such facilities (if any) as toilets, bathrooms and shower rooms, lift lobbies, stair halls, public or shared corridors, stairwells, escalators and lift shafts, pipe or services ducts, barriers-free access facilities, gender mainstreaming facilities, refuse chutes and refuse rooms, balconies, verandas, open decks and flat roofs, parking spaces, loading and unloading areas and mechanical plant rooms, etc.

JUSTIFICATION

4. The Government and the University Grants Committee (UGC) are committed to supporting the campus development of the UGC-funded universities. PolyU's existing library building was first built in the 1970s and has not gone through any major upgrading in the past four decades. The existing facilities have become outdated and could not cope with the needs of the modern learning environment. Moreover, the implementation of the New Academic Structure ("3+3+4") in the UGC-funded sector since 2012/13 has greatly increased the need for library space, project rooms and collaborative areas for the increased student population. The project will transform the outdated library facilities into a modern learning hub to suit the need of the latest learning environment, and enhance the safety standard and energy efficiency of the lifts.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The latest estimated cost of the project is around \$346.1 million in money-of-the-day prices.

6. The project will have no impact on tuition fees. In accordance with the established practice, PolyU will operate the library building and the proposal will have no additional recurrent financial implications on the Government.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE

7. We plan to submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee for endorsement and the Finance Committee (FC) for funding approval in mid-2019.

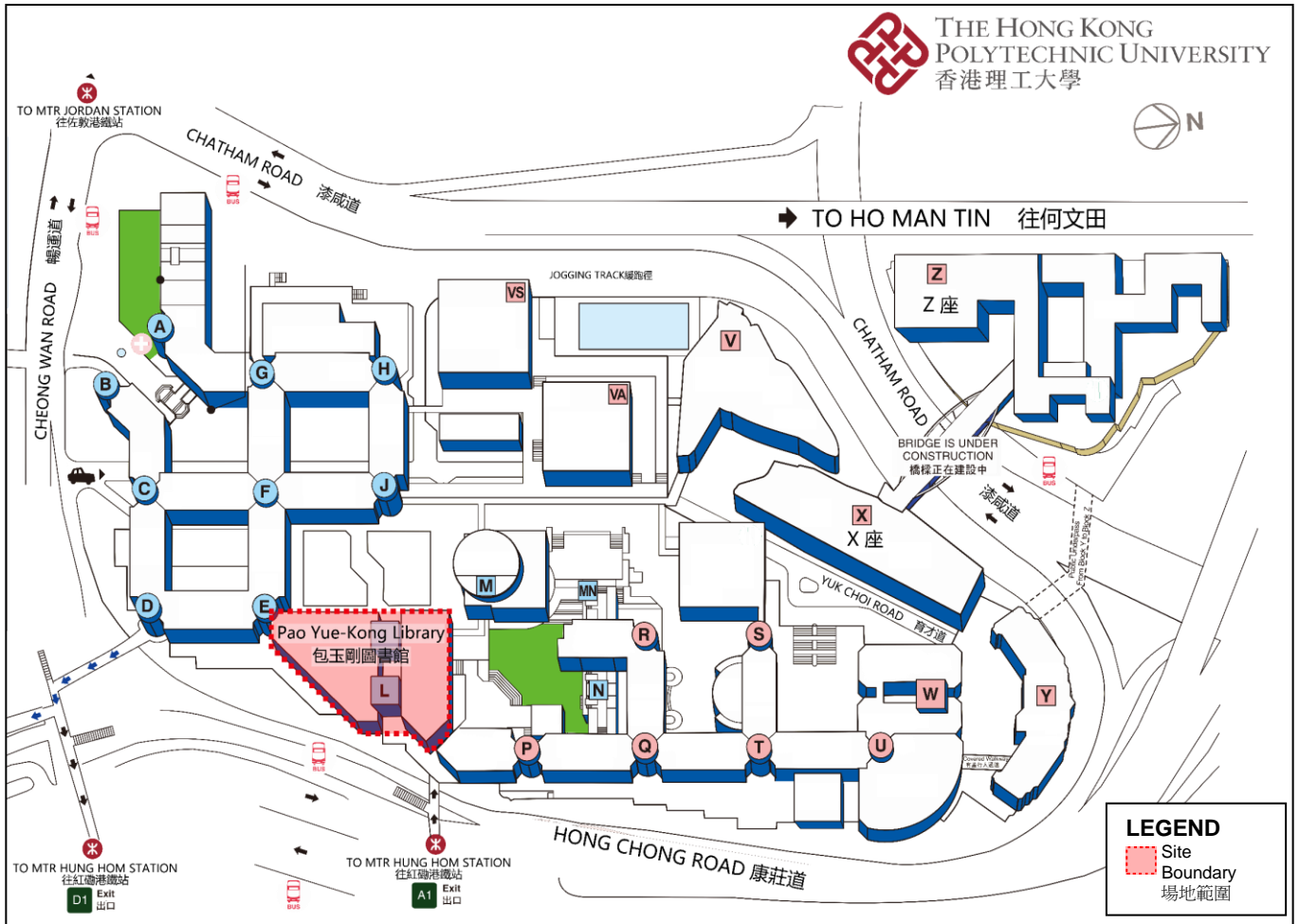
8. Subject to funding approval of the FC, PolyU plans to commence the construction and revitalisation works in the third quarter of 2019 for completion in the fourth quarter of 2022.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

9. PolyU conducted several meetings and sharing sessions to consult its staff and students on the project. No adverse comment on the project has been received. As the proposed project is located within the campus of PolyU and there are no residential developments in its immediate vicinity, it is unlikely that the project will affect any residents in the area, and therefore no consultation in this respect is considered necessary.

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Site Plan 工地平面圖



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從紅磡海底隧道望向圖書館擴建部分的構思圖
**View of the library extension from Hung Hom Cross Harbour Tunnel
(Artist's impression)**



從大學校園望向圖書館擴建部分的構思圖
**View of the library extension from the university campus
(Artist's impression)**