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Legislative Council Panel on Education

Annual Progress Report on Implementation of Hostel Development Fund

Purpose

This paper serves to report to Members the progress on the implementation of Hostel Development Fund (HDF).

Background

2. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (LegCo) approved at its meeting on 7 July 2018 a one-off grant of \$10,303.7 million for the setting-up of HDF for six University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded universities with shortfall in hostel places¹ to expedite the development of student hostels. Under the HDF, a total of 15 hostel projects will be carried out by the universities concerned to provide 13 473 hostel places.

¹ The six UGC-funded universities include City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and The University of Hong Kong (HKU).

Implementation Progress

3. The Government and the six UGC-funded universities concerned have signed the service agreements under the HDF, and capital grants have been fully disbursed to the universities accordingly. The amount of capital grants disbursed to and the number of hostel places to be provided by the universities are summarised at <u>Annex A</u>.

4. Among the 15 hostel projects funded by HDF, detailed designs of four project² have been completed. The detailed designs of the aforementioned four hostel projects have been submitted to the LegCo Panel on Education (please refer to CB(4)851/18-19(01)).

5. According to the service agreements, the six UGC-funded universities concerned shall submit quarterly progress reports on the hostel projects to the Government till the completion and submission of Statement of Final Accounts. The key milestones of the hostel projects based on the works progress reported by the universities concerned as at 30 June 2019 and the service agreements are at <u>Annex B</u>. Construction works of four projects have been commenced. It is expected that one more project will commence within 2019 and the remaining projects will commence between 2020 and 2023. Universities expect that all the hostel projects could be completed on time.

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² The four projects are: Hostel Complex at 30 Renfrew Road, Kowloon Tong (HKBU), 300place Student Hostel at New Asia Campus (CUHK), Student Residence at Wong Chuk Hang Site (HKU) and Student Residence at Mui Fong Street (HKU).

Annex A

Amount of Capital Grants Disbursed to and Number of Hostel Places to be Provided

University	Capital grant disbursed under HDF	Number of student hostel places to be provided
City University of Hong Kong (CityU)	\$ 2,437,835,000	3 167
Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU)	\$ 1,161,598,000	1 726
The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)	\$ 1,201,887,000	1 794
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)	\$ 2,936,645,000	2 959
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)	\$ 952,295,000	1 415
The University of Hong Kong (HKU)	\$ 1,613,406,000	2 412
Total	: \$10,303,666,000	13 473

Annex B

Key Milestones of the Hostel Projects

University	Hostel Project	Actual/Latest Projected Works Commencement Date	Latest Projected Completion Date
CityU	Student Hostel at Whitehead, Ma On Shan	1/2/2020	30/6/2024
	Student Hostel at Tat Hong Avenue, Kowloon Tong	31/10/2023	31/10/2027
HKBU	Hostel Complex at 30 Renfrew Road, Kowloon Tong	15/2/2019	31/10/2023
CUHK	300-place Student Hostel at New Asia Campus	17/6/2019	30/6/2022
	250-place Student Hostel at United Campus	1/1/2022	31/12/2024
	300-place Student Hostel at Shaw Campus	1/1/2022	31/12/2024
	300-place Student Hostel at Chung Chi Campus	1/1/2023	31/12/2026
	250-place Student Hostel at Wu Yee Sun Campus	1/7/2023	30/6/2027
	394-place Student Hostel in Area 39	1/7/2023	30/6/2027
PolyU	Student Hostel at Ho Man Tin Slope	30/9/2019	31/5/2025
-	Student Hostel at Tat Hong Avenue, Kowloon Tong	1/4/2023	31/10/2027
HKUST	1415-place Student Hostel	1/7/2020	30/6/2023
HKU	Student Residence at Wong Chuk Hang Site	1/7/2019	30/11/2023
	Student Residence at Mui Fong Street	30/5/2019	30/4/2022
	Student Residence at High West Site	1/10/2020	31/5/2024