

Panel on Education
List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 7 May 2020)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

School projects

- 1. 3355EP – A 30-classroom primary school at Site KT2c, Development at Anderson Road, Kwun Tong** To be confirmed

The proposed project is for the construction of a 30-classroom primary school at Site KT2c, Development at Anderson Road, Kwun Tong for the reprovisioning of Hong Kong Taoist Association Wun Tsuen School at Kwun Tong.

- 2. 8031ED – Conversion to Shatin Public School** To be confirmed

The proposed project is for the conversion works to Shatin Public School to upgrade the existing facilities and provide additional facilities to enable the special school to implement the NSS academic structure and the improvement measures on the extension of years of study of students of special schools.

- 3. 8056EF – Centralized general research laboratory complex (Block 2)** June 2020

The proposed project involves the construction of a multi-storey research laboratory building on the northern campus of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

- 4. 8056EG – Redevelopment of No. 2 University Drive (Building 1)** June 2020

The proposed project involves the construction of a new academic building at No. 2 University Drive of The University of Hong Kong ("HKU").

- 5. 8064EG – Information technology building at University Drive** June 2020

The proposed project involves the construction of a new information technology building at the University Drive of HKU

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Post-secondary education

6. Governance of University Grants Committee-funded institutions and proposed Member's Bill to amend the University of Hong Kong Ordinance (Cap. 1053)

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. At the meeting of 28 October 2016, Hon Tanya CHAN proposed to review the governing legislation of individual University Grants Committee ("UGC")-funded institutions that the Chief Executive was the ex-officio Chancellor of these institutions.

At the meeting of 18 October 2019, Ms CHAN urged for early discussion of the subject.

7. Grievance procedures of UGC-funded institutions

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.

8. Appointment, extension of appointment, termination and retirement of teaching staff in UGC-funded institutions

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen and Dr Hon Helena WONG.

9. Student admission to UGC-funded institutions

To be confirmed

Hon IP Kin-yuen, Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai and Hon AU Nok-hin proposed to discuss the admission to UGC-funded institutions through Joint University Programmes Admissions System ("JUPAS") and non-JUPAS routes. Mr IP also suggested discussion of the admission policy of UGC-funded institutions for non-local students.

The Panel discussed the admission of students under non-JUPAS at its meeting on 10 February 2014.

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10. Revamp of the Committee on Self-financing Post-secondary Education and the proposed Enhancement and Start-up Grant Scheme for Self-financing Post-secondary Education

June 2020

Item proposed by the Administration. The Administration will brief the Panel on the revamp of the Committee on Self-financing Post-secondary Education and the proposed Enhancement and Start-up Grant Scheme for Self-financing Post-secondary Education.

Secondary and primary education

11. Review of the New Senior Secondary academic structure

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai. Hon Mrs Regina IP urged for early discussion of the review of the NSS academic structure.

12. 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 of the teaching of Chinese literary classics and culture;
- (b) curriculum development of the 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 Liberal Studies ("LS") subject.

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The Panel discussed issues related to NSS curriculum on 15 July 2015, and LS subject on 8 June 2015 and 13 February 2017.

Dr LEUNG's letter dated 14 February 2018 concerning LS subject and the Administration's written response were issued to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(4)715/17-18(01) and (02) (Revised version) on 9 and 16 March 2018 respectively.

At the meetings on 11 October 2018 and 18 October 2019, members including Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan and Hon HO Kai-ming urged for early discussion of the review of NSS curriculum and assessment, in particular the implementation of the LS subject.

13. Review Report of the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum

To be confirmed

The Administration will brief members on the recommendations of the Review Report of the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum.

14. Implementation of Territory-wide System Assessment

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.

At the meeting on 13 April 2018, the Administration briefed members on the arrangements for Primary 3 Territory-wide System Assessment ("TSA") in 2018 and beyond. Members were concerned whether the new arrangements would effectively eliminate the incentives of drilling and requested the Administration to revert to the Panel on the feedback about the new arrangements, in particular drilling in schools and the level of difficulty of TSA items.

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15. Implementation of whole-day primary schooling and school homework policy

To be confirmed

Hon SHIU Ka-chun, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, Hon Vincent CHENG and Hon IP Kin-yuen were concerned about the impact of heavy homework load on students and proposed that the Panel should continue to discuss the implementation of school homework policy. Mr IP also considered that whole-day primary schooling should be reviewed. The subject was last discussed on 1 December 2017.

16. Update on the implementation of "one school social worker for each school" in primary schools

To be confirmed

Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed that the Panel should be updated on the review of the mode of collaboration between student guidance and social work services under the policy of "one school social worker for each school". Hon LUK Chung-hung was concerned about the possible adverse impact of the implementation of the policy on student guidance personnel. Hon SHIU Ka-chun requested to discuss the provision of social workers in kindergartens ("KGs") as well as primary and secondary schools.

At the meetings on 13 April and 11 May 2018, the Administration briefed the Panel on the implementation of the policy of "one school social worker for each school" in primary schools starting from the 2018-2019 school year.

17. 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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18. Review of moral education

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Steven HO.

The Panel discussed promotion of moral and civic education (values education) in schools at its meeting on 2 March 2018.

19. Gender education and sex education

To be
confirmed

Dr Hon Helena WONG expressed concern about the implementation of gender education in schools.

At the meeting of 18 October 2019, Hon Tanya CHAN proposed to discuss the implementation of sex education in schools.

20. Update on promotion of reading

To be
confirmed

Hon IP Kin-yuen considered that the Panel should be updated on the progress of reading promotion, "Discover & Share the Joy of Reading" campaign, and the role of teacher-librarians. Hon Michael TIEN proposed the Panel to discuss measures to improve cross-departmental collaboration in promoting reading in the community.

The Panel was briefed on the measures undertaken by the Education Bureau ("EDB") to promote and support reading in schools at its meetings on 2 February and 1 June 2018.

21. Education support for ethnic minority students

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG, Hon Michael TIEN and Hon Vincent CHENG. Mr TIEN proposed that the Panel should discuss the support for ethnic minority students in learning the Chinese Language. Hon Claudia MO urged for early discussion of the review of the "Chinese Language Curriculum Second Language Learning Framework". The Administration will report the progress on supporting Chinese learning and teaching for non-Chinese speaking ("NCS") students.

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At the meeting on 26 June 2017, the Administration briefed members on its progress on supporting Chinese learning and teaching for NCS students. The Administration will update the Panel again on the latest progress of the support measures.

22. School-based management and school management

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. The Administration will brief the Panel on the report of the Task Force on School-based Management Policy.

At the meeting on 3 November 2017, the Administration briefed members on the implementation of school-based management and the way forward. The meeting scheduled for 7 February 2020 on briefing on the report of the Task Force on School-based Management Policy was rescheduled. The Administration will issue an information paper to report to members on the recommendations of the Task Force and the follow-up actions of the EDB.

23. Review of 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.

24. Review of financial assistance schemes for primary and secondary school students

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN.

25. Class suspension arrangements in the event of extreme weather and emergency conditions and related follow-up work

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.

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<p>26. Update on the situation of contract teachers in primary and secondary schools</p> <p>Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen and Dr Hon Helena WONG. The subject was last discussed on 13 July 2018.</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>
<p>27. Primary One Admission System</p> <p>Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed that the Panel should discuss the principle of vicinity adopted in Primary One admission. He was particularly concerned whether EDB would follow such principle in planning school building projects in new development areas.</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>
<p>28. Planning for the provision of school places in the light of student population</p> <p>Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.</p> <p>The Panel discussed the planning for the provision of public sector primary and secondary school places in the light of student population and related stabilization measures on 1 February 2019.</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>
<p>29. Upgrading of primary, secondary and special school premises</p> <p>Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.</p> <p>The Panel was briefed on the measures undertaken by EDB to improve facilities at the "matchbox-style" school premises, and the territory-wide mechanism on school building works and standard of school premises (including facilities) at its meetings on 13 February 2017 and 7 December 2018.</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>
<p>30. Class sizes of special schools</p> <p>Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>

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31. Improving the staff establishment of the boarding sections of aided special schools

To be confirmed

Item proposed by the Administration. The Administration will brief the Panel on the enhanced measures to improve the staff establishment of the boarding sections of aided special schools starting from the 2020-2021 school year so that the boarders in special schools can receive better services.

Kindergarten education

32. Update on the implementation of new kindergarten education policy

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen, Hon Michael TIEN and Hon Vincent CHENG. Issues of concern included:

- (a) provision of KG premises;
- (b) the quality of KG education and staffing ratio in KGs;
- (c) the establishment of a salary scale for KG teachers;
- (d) school fees of and government subsidy for KGs; and
- (e) teaching of primary school curriculum in KGs.

The Panel was briefed on the latest development in respect of the implementation of the new KG education policy and quality assurance in KG education at its meetings on 5 January and 1 June 2018 respectively.

Information technology and STEM education

33. Strengthening the support for information technology and STEM education

To be confirmed

Hon Charles MOK proposed to discuss the implementation of the Support Scheme for E-learning in Schools, nurturing of information technology talents and support for the implementation of Science, Technology, Engineering

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and Mathematics ("STEM") education.

Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed discussion of the development of STEM education in schools, and issues relating to innovation and technology education. At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Ms QUAT also proposed that schools should be invited to attend a meeting to share their experience in promoting STEM education.

The Administration's proposal to seek funding from the Community Care Fund for provision of subsidy to needy primary and secondary students to purchase mobile computer devices to facilitate the practice of e-learning was discussed on 2 March 2018, while issues related to the promotion of STEM education were discussed on 14 November 2016.

The Administration will brief members on the work progress of the promotion of STEM education in primary and secondary schools and the details of the enhanced support measures put in place starting from the 2019-2020 school year.

Issues related to the learning of Chinese and English

34. Policy of using Putonghua to teach the Chinese Language subject in primary and secondary schools

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon CHAN Chi-chuen and Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai. Mr CHAN proposed that the Administration should brief the Panel on the progress of and way forward for using Putonghua to teach Chinese Language subject.

35. Teaching and learning of English Language

To be confirmed

Hon Claudia MO proposed the Administration to review the policy on the teaching and learning of English Language in primary schools with a view to enhancing learning effectiveness. Hon Michael TIEN proposed that the Panel should discuss the measures to help enhance the interest of KG and primary students, in particular those from

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low-income families, in learning English Language.

At the meeting of 18 October 2019, Ms MO urged for early discussion of the item.

Others

36. Student pressure and the existing education system

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Starry LEE, Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, Hon Elizabeth QUAT, Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG, Hon Michael TIEN and Hon Vincent CHENG. Dr CHEUNG and Ms QUAT considered that issues related to student suicides should be arranged for early discussion. Mr TIEN proposed that KG and primary education systems, including the curriculum and teaching philosophy, should be reviewed. Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG proposed that the Panel should discuss the measures to enhance teachers' quality and curriculum design to better meet societal needs and expectations.

37. Review of the implementation of vocational and professional education and training

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan and Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan. At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr CHIANG and Hon Vincent CHENG urged for early discussion of the item.

The Administration will brief the Panel on the recommendations of the Review Report of the Task Force on Promotion of Vocational and Professional Education and Training.

38. Parent education

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Starry LEE and Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan. At the meeting of 11 October 2018, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan urged for early discussion of the subject. In October 2019, Dr CHIANG urged the Administration to brief the Panel on the report of the Task Force on Home-school Co-operation and Parent Education shortly.

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At its meeting on 26 June 2017, the Panel discussed the Administration's measures to promote parent education. The Administration will brief members on the progress in promoting home-school co-operation and parent education. The meeting scheduled on 14 June 2019 on Home-school Co-operation and Parent Education was cancelled and the Administration issued an information paper on 27 June 2019 to report to members on the recommendations of the Task Force and the follow-up actions of EDB.

39. Cross-departmental collaboration in undertaking education-related initiatives

To be confirmed

Hon Michael TIEN considered that collaboration among different government departments should be enhanced in the planning and development of education-related initiatives, such as implementation of after-school learning and support programmes.

40. International curriculum

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan to discuss the introduction of a suitable proportion of international curriculum in subsidized schools with a view to inspiring students' creativity and cultivating diverse interests and skills in them.

41. Education-related issues arising from the Fugitive Offenders Bill

To be confirmed

Hon CHAN Chi-chuen proposed the Administration to brief the Panel on the relevant guidelines to assist schools in dealing with students who were arrested/injured in the protests arising from the Fugitive Offenders Bill; and the impact of the Prohibition on Face Covering Regulation on students and schools.

Dr CHIANG Lai-wan proposed the Panel to discuss whether schools should be subsidized to install closed-circuit television systems to prevent vandalism; and to review the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) so as to develop a disciplinary mechanism for professional misconduct of

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teachers.

42. Duty visit to Finland

To be
confirmed

Hon IP Kin-yuen and Hon Vincent CHENG suggested a sharing session for the delegation to Finland to share with Panel members the relevant information and experience acquired.

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