For discussion on 7 May 2021

# **Legislative Council Panel on Education**

### 8031ED - Conversion to Shatin Public School

### **PURPOSE**

We need to carry out conversion works for the Shatin Public School to enhance the learning and teaching facilities. This paper briefs Members on the proposed capital works and timeline for the implementation of the school conversion project.

### PROJECT SCOPE AND NATURE

2. The project involves the construction of a six-storey new annex block at the northern part of the school premises, conversion and reprovisioning of existing school facilities, and upgrading of existing slope features within the school site at an estimated cost of about \$148.6 million in money-of-the-day prices. The proposed scope of works is as follows –

### Construction of an annex block

- (a) five classrooms;
- (b) two special rooms;
- (c) a staff room;
- (d) three social worker's rooms;
- (e) a speech therapy room;
- (f) two store rooms;

- (g) reprovisioning of a design and technology room and a home economics room; and
- (h) ancillary facilities, including an accessible/fireman's lift and toilets;

# Conversion of existing school facilities

- (i) a classroom;
- (j) a special room;
- (k) a store room; and
- (l) upgrading of an existing classroom.
- The project will meet the planning target of providing 2 square metres of open space per student. The site and location plan and an artist's impression of the new annex block are at Enclosures 1 and 2 respectively. Some photos of the existing school environment (vehicular entrance, parking spaces, basketball court) and location of the proposed new annex block are at Enclosure 3.

#### **JUSTIFICATION**

- 4. The Education Bureau (EDB) is implementing the New Senior Secondary (NSS) academic structure and the improvement measures on extension of years of study gradually for students at special schools, which involve operation of additional classes at special schools.
- 5. Shatin Public School, a school for children with mild intellectual disability (ID) in Shatin, is offering 255 school places to children with mild ID in the 2020/21 school year. Following progressive reduction of class size from 20 to 15 students in schools for children with mild ID, the school has exhausted available teaching and learning facilities (including 12 classrooms, home economics room, computer room, music room, student activity centre and various small group teaching rooms). Some facilities including staff room, speech

therapy room and social worker's room are also insufficient to meet the operational needs.

6. Taking into consideration factors including the needs of the school, students' adaptation to school at temporary premises, condition of the premises, other means to improve school premises such as reprovisioning/ redevelopment, availability of site, prudent use of public funds, we consider it appropriate to construct a new annex block and carry out internal conversion works for the school to provide additional facilities, including classrooms and other related facilities, to meet operational needs and provide services for students at senior secondary level and those for extension of years of study, bringing enhancement to the learning and teaching environment.

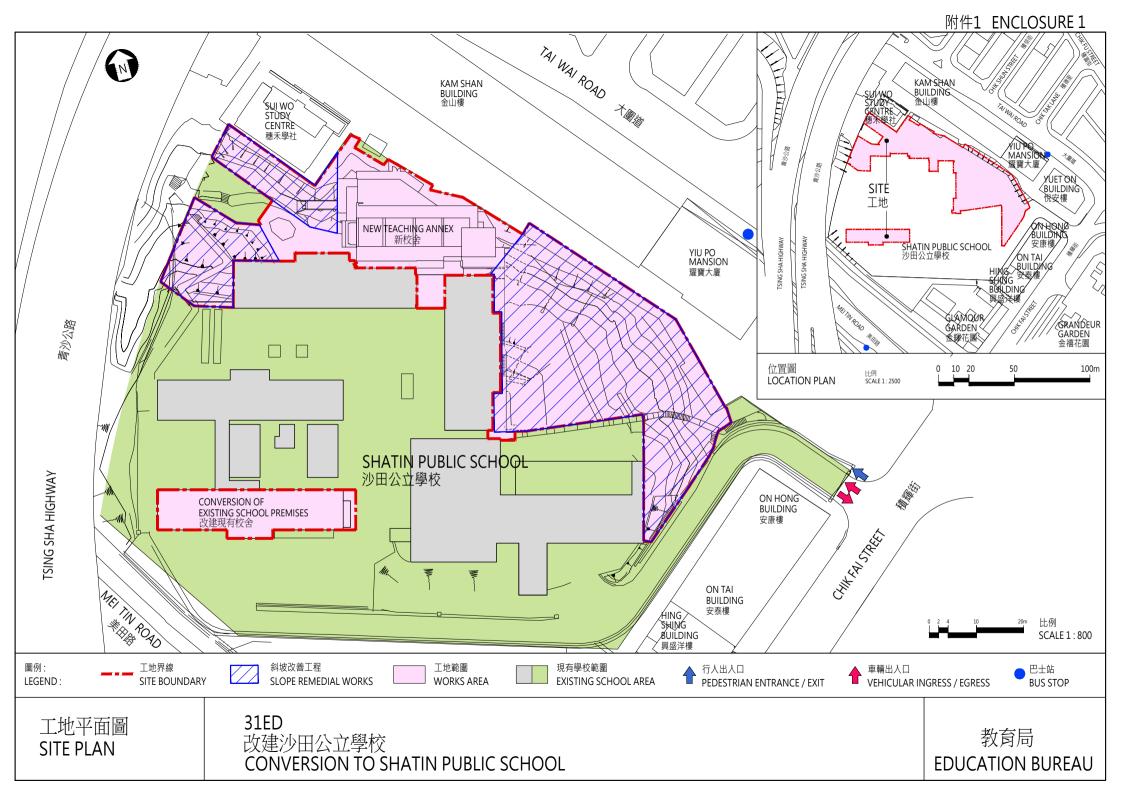
### IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

7. We will seek the endorsement and funding approval of the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council respectively on the proposed project in accordance with the established mechanism. We plan to commence the proposed works upon obtaining funding approval from the FC for target completion of the works in around three years.

# **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

8. We consulted the Education and Welfare Committee of the Shatin District Council on 9 July 2020 on this project. Members of the Committee supported the project.

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從西南面望向大樓的構思透視圖

PERSPECTIVE VIEW FROM SOUTH-WEST DIRECTION

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PERSPECTIVE VIEW FROM NORTH-EAST DIRECTION

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# Photos of the Existing Shatin Public School Environment (vehicular entrance, parking spaces, basketball court) and Location of the Proposed New Annex Block

Figure 1: School entrance and vehicular entrance at Chik Fai Street



Figure 2: Vehicular entrance at Chik Fai Street



Figure 3: Vehicular access inside the school premises



Figure 4: Existing parking spaces in school



Figure 5: Existing basketball court and the one-storey school building (mainly staff room and activity room)



Figure 6: Site of the proposed new annex block

