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Dear Ms WONG,

**Subcommittee on Promoting the Development of Hong Kong into an  
International Education Hub under the  
Panel on Education of the Legislative Council**

**Follow-up Items from the Meeting on 18 February 2025**

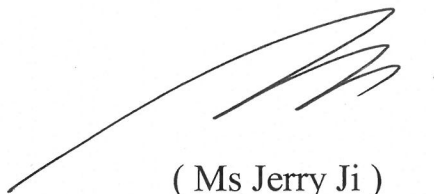
At the Subcommittee meeting on 18 February 2025, Members requested the Government to provide the number and percentage of non-local students who have enrolled in the eight universities funded by the University Grants Committee (“UGC”) in the 2024/25 academic year (AY). The Professor Honourable CHOW Man-kong also requested the Education University of Hong Kong (“EdUHK”) to provide supplementary information on the number of non-local students as mentioned at the meeting. Relevant information is set out below for reference.

In the 2024/25 AY, the number of non-local students enrolling in UGC-funded programmes is 26 600. Among them, some 17 200 students are enrolled in undergraduate programmes, which is equivalent to about 23.2% of local student places. The Government is pleased to see that the UGC-funded universities have successfully made use of the relaxed enrolment ceiling to recruit more non-local students to pursue their studies in Hong Kong. The actual

enrollment of non-local students in UGC-funded universities, as well as the corresponding percentages relative to local student places in the 2024/25 AY are set out at **Annex A**.

As regards the number of non-local students mentioned by the EdUHK at the meeting, EdUHK indicated that the relevant percentage refers to the increase in intake figures of non-local students in full-time UGC-funded undergraduate programmes in the 2024/25 AY over the 2023/24 AY (i.e. an increase of 123 students to 261 students). The response from EdUHK is at **Annex B**.

Yours sincerely,

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( Ms Jerry Ji )  
for Secretary for Education

**Non-local Student Enrolment of UGC-funded Programmes by University**  
**2024/25 Academic Year**

**UGC-funded Taught Programmes**

(Full-time equivalent)

<b>University</b>	<b>UGC-funded local student places</b>	<b>Non-local students</b>	<b>Equivalent percentage points relative to local student places</b>
<b>Undergraduate Programme</b>			
CityU	10 141	2 027	20.0%
HKBU	6 202	1 218	19.6%
LU	2 444	557	22.8%
CUHK	14 825	2 564	17.3%
EdUHK	4 737	599	12.6%
PolyU	13 223	3 785	28.6%
HKUST	8 545	2 207	25.8%
HKU	13 964	4 204	30.1%
<b>All universities</b>	<b>74 082</b>	<b>17 161</b>	<b>23.2%</b>
<b>Taught Postgraduate Programme<sup>6</sup></b>			
CityU	53	-	0%
HKBU	105	-	0%
CUHK	690	1	0.1%
EdUHK	379	49	12.9%
HKU	838	85	10.1%
<b>All universities</b>	<b>2 065</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

**UGC-funded Research Postgraduate (RPg) Programmes**

In the 2024/25 academic year, there are 7 200 student places for UGC-funded RPg programmes. Universities may admit both local and non-local students for the RPg student places allocated to them, and over-enrol by up to 100% of their allocated student places. The non-local student enrolment ceiling (and the equivalent percentage points) are not applicable to RPg programmes.

(Full-time equivalent)

<b>University</b>	<b>Non-local students</b>
CityU	1 016
HKBU	359
LU	78
CUHK	2 136
EdUHK	105
PolyU	1 473
HKUST	1 403
HKU	2 744
<b>All universities</b>	<b>9 313</b>

Notes:

1. The above figures are provisional figures.
2. '-' denotes "nil".
3. In the above table, figures for the "equivalent percentage points relative to local student places" refer to the non-local student enrolment relative to the total number of local student places at that level of study.
4. Figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.
5. There are no non-local students enrolling in UGC-funded sub-degree programmes in the 2024/25 academic year.
6. Some universities do not offer UGC-funded taught postgraduate programmes.
7. If RPg students are funded by universities using both UGC and external funds, they will be counted towards different funding sources on pro-rata basis. Therefore, figures may not add up to the corresponding totals.
8. Abbreviations:

CityU	City University of Hong Kong
HKBU	Hong Kong Baptist University
LU	Lingnan University
CUHK	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
EdUHK	The Education University of Hong Kong
PolyU	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
HKUST	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
HKU	The University of Hong Kong

**Reply from the Education University of Hong Kong**

In the 2024/25 academic year, the Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) admitted a total of 261 non-local students (as of programme commencement, i.e. 2 September 2024) to government-funded full-time undergraduate programmes, of whom 237 were admitted to the first year of the undergraduate programmes, accounting for 40% outside the local student quota (i.e., 593) for that year. The number of non-local students admitted has more than doubled compared with the 107 non-local students admitted to first-year undergraduate programmes in the 2023/24 academic year. Please see Table 1 for details.

Table 1: EdUHK's calculations and figures for non-local students of full-time undergraduate programmes (as of programme commencement):

全日制 學士學位課程 Full-time Undergraduate Programmes	2023/24 學年 2023/24 Academic Year		2024/25 學年 2024/25 Academic Year		與去年比較 Comparison with last year (d-b)/b
	政府資助學士學位課程 本地生學額 Government-funded Undergraduate Programmes - Quota for Local Students (a)	非本地生取錄人數 No. of Non-local Students Admitted (b) (b/a)	政府資助學士學位課程 本地生學額 Government-funded Undergraduate Programmes - Quota for Local Students (c)	非本地生取錄人數 No. of Non-local Students Admitted (d) (d/c)	
第一年學士學位 (First-Year-First-Degree)	593	107 (18%)	593	237 (40%)	+121%
高年級入學學士學位 (Senior Year Admissions)	424	16 (4%)	424	24 (6%)	+50%
總數 Total	1,017	123 (12%)	1,017	261 (26%)	+112%

The admissions status of full-time government-funded undergraduate programmes for the 2024/25 academic year was compared with that of the 2023/24 academic year, which effectively reflects the differences between this year and the previous year.

As of 31 October 2024, the total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students, the number and proportion of non-local students enrolled in EdUHK's government-funded programmes in the 2024/25 academic year are detailed in Table 2. (Note: Programmes with \* face difficulties in admitting eligible non-local students) :

Table 2: The total number of FTE students, the number and proportion of non-local students enrolled in EdUHK’s government-funded programmes in the 2024/25 academic year (as at 31 October 2024)

修課程度 Study Level	政府資助課程 Government-funded Programmes	2024/25 學年 2024/25 Academic Year	
		全日制 本地生總學額 (包括所有年級之學額) Approved No. of Government-funded Local Student Places (All FTE intakes across different years of study)	非本地生 在學總人數 (以相等於全日制學額計算) (截至2024年10月31日) Total enrolment of Non-local Students (FTE) (As of 31 October 2024)
副學位 Sub-degree	高級文憑 Higher Diploma	660	0
	在職教師專業進修證書* (註: 此課程主要為本地在職教師提供短期進修而設) Professional Diploma Programmes* (Note: These are short-term training programmes mainly for local in-service teachers.)	235	0
	總數Total	895	0
學士學位 Undergraduate	第一年全日制學士學位 First-Year-First-Degree (Full-time)	3,735	599
	高年級入學全日制學士學位 Senior Year Admissions (Full-time)		
	兼讀制銜接學士學位* (註: 此兼讀制課程主要為本港在職教師提供進修機會。) Top-up Degree (Part-time)* (Note: This part-time programme is mainly for in-service teachers, aimed at further study and training.)	1,002	0
總數Total		4,737	599 (12.6%)
修課式研究生 Taught Postgraduate	學位教師教育深造文憑 (註: 學位教師教育深造文憑兼讀制課程為本港在職教師提供進修機會- 1位兼讀生相等於全日制0.5學額) Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Note: Part-time PGDE programmes are mainly for in-service teachers, aimed at further study and training. 1 part-time student is equivalent to 0.5 FTE.)	379 Full-time 全日制: 141 Part-time 兼讀制*: 238	49 Full-time 全日制: 29 Part-time 兼讀制*: 20
總數Total		379	49 (12.9%)
所有修課程度的政府資助課程總數 Total (all study level of government-funded programmes)		6,011	648 (10.8%)

The EdUHK mainly admit non-local students to the first-year first-degree undergraduate programmes and the full-time Postgraduate Diploma in Education programmes. Though the EdUHK programmes have distinctive features among other government-funded universities, the University will continue to leverage the efforts and experience of various departments and units in admissions of non-local students in the 2024/25 academic year in response to the government's policy of increasing the number of places for non-local students in government-funded universities. EdUHK will continue to explore opportunities for increasing both the proportion and the number of non-local students in order to enhance the international learning environment and cultural exchanges at the University, in line with the government's goal of consolidating Hong Kong's position as an international education hub.

Since early 2024, EdUHK has been gradually expanding the enrollment of non-local students. While increasing the number of non-local students, institutions are obliged to ensure that sufficient supporting facilities and learning arrangements are in place. EdUHK has also carefully reviewed relevant supporting facilities and measures, such as accommodation, internship requirements for concerned programmes, student services, etc., to help mainland and overseas students integrate into local student life and learning for all-round development, thereby achieving an inclusive multicultural campus.