

Panel on Education
List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 3 February 2025)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Nurturing and retaining talents

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Prof Hon Priscilla LEUNG, Hon Stanley NG, Hon Dennis LEUNG, Hon Kenneth LEUNG and Hon Lillian KWOK at the meeting on 17 January 2023. They considered that in order to nurture and retain talents, the Administration should train young professionals to integrate into the development plan of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (“GBA”), review the primary and secondary school curricula and assessments (in particular the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (“HKDSE”)), review the loan schemes for tertiary students; and explore measures to attract students in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to study post-secondary education programmes in Hong Kong.

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Prof Hon Priscilla LEUNG and Prof Hon LAU Chi-pang considered it necessary to discuss how to attract non-local students to pursue studies in Hong Kong, retain non-local graduates to stay and work in Hong Kong, and support the children of the entrants of admission schemes to receive education in Hong Kong.

2. University Grants Committee and university governance

To be
confirmed

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Prof Hon CHOW Man-kong proposed to discuss ways to improve the governance of universities and review the composition and funding mechanism of the University Grants Committee (“UGC”).

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3. Vocational and Professional Education and Training

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Hon Lillian KWOK, Hon TANG Fei, Hon CHU Kwok-keung and Prof Hon William WONG expressed concern about the promotion of Vocational and Professional Education and Training (“VPET”) development, including introduction of VPET in secondary schools, development of universities of applied sciences, admission of non-local students, and collaboration with relevant schools in GBA to promote VPET.

The Panel discussed the item “Universities of applied sciences” at its meeting on 5 April 2024 and the item “The Vocational Training Council’s work on vocational and professional education and training” on 3 May 2024.

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Hon Lillian KWOK requested again to discuss VPET, and hoped that the discussion would include exploring how the Qualifications Framework could complement VPET development.

4. Kindergarten education

To be
confirmed

In September 2022, Prof Hon Priscilla LEUNG expressed concern about the closure of kindergartens (“KGs”) due to under-enrolment of students. Hon CHU Kwok-keung was concerned about the inadequacy of resources for KGs.

At the meeting on 17 January 2023, Hon Kenneth LEUNG proposed that STEAM/STEM education in KGs should be strengthened. At the meeting on 31 March 2023, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed to discuss the support for KGs in the light of the decline in student population.

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Hon CHU Kwok-keung requested for early discussion of the issue of insufficient kindergarten resources.

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5. Review of Primary One Admission System and Secondary School Places Allocation System

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon CHU Kwok-keung at the meeting on 25 January 2022. At the meetings on 5 May 2023, 16 January 2024 and 14 January 2025, Hon CHU Kwok-keung requested for early discussion of the item.

6. Regulation and development of international and private schools

To be
confirmed

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Mrs Regina IP, in view of the suspension of operations of Mount Kelly School Hong Kong, proposed that the governance and operations of international schools should be reviewed.

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Hon Mrs Regina IP followed up on this item and requested the Administration to discuss student admission and teacher wastage in international schools.

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Hon Lillian KWOK proposed to discuss the future development of international and private schools, and explore how they could meet the development needs of society as a whole in the future.

7. Issues relating to subsidized school closures

To be
confirmed

In his letter dated 30 October 2024, Dr Hon TIK Chi-yuen proposed to discuss the requirements for and process of the closure of subsidized schools, the site application procedures for SSBs, etc.

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Dr Hon TIK Chi-yuen requested for early discussion of the item.

8. Tuition fee adjustment mechanism

To be
confirmed

In September 2022, Prof Hon Priscilla LEUNG expressed concern that certain schools had doubled their tuition fees and proposed to discuss the tuition fee adjustment

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mechanism adopted by international schools, private schools and self-financing schools.

9. Funding for universities, secondary schools, primary schools and kindergartens

To be
confirmed

In September 2022, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed that the Administration should examine and adjust the proportion of funding allocated to universities, secondary schools, primary schools and KGs.

10. Manpower of teachers

To be
confirmed

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Hon CHU Kwok-keung, Hon TANG Fei, Prof Hon CHOW Man-kong and Hon Lillian KWOK expressed concern about teaching manpower and requested to discuss teacher wastage, workload, professional training and development; places of teacher training courses, and salaries for KG teachers.

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Hon CHU Kwok-keung requested early discussion of teacher wastage.

11. One school social worker for each school/two school social workers for each school

To be
confirmed

Hon Lillian KWOK, Hon Rock CHEN and Hon Edward LEUNG proposed in their letter dated 21 September 2022 to discuss the enhancement of the “one school social worker for each school”/“two school social workers for each school” policy.

12. Manpower and salaries of non-teaching staff in schools

To be
confirmed

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Hon CHU Kwok-keung and Hon Lillian KWOK requested to discuss the manpower and salaries of non-teaching staff in KGs, primary schools, secondary schools and special schools, including studying the feasibility of creating additional Executive Officer and Information Technology Assistant posts in KGs.

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13. Oath taking by staff of aided schools

To be
confirmed

In September 2022, Hon TANG Fei proposed that the Administration should first require school managers and then all teachers of aided schools to take oath to pledge allegiance to the Special Administrative Region and the Basic Law.

14. Student mental health

To be
confirmed

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Hon Lillian KWOK, Dr Hon TIK Chi-yuen and Prof Hon Priscilla LEUNG requested to continue to follow up on the item, including the Three-Tier School-based Emergency Mechanism, the promotion of the “4Rs Mental Health Charter” and the school counselling mechanism.

15. Reprovisioning and redevelopment of sub-standard school premises

To be
confirmed

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Hon Dennis LEUNG and Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed to discuss the policy and programme of the reprovisioning and redevelopment of sub-standard school premises.

16. Quality Education Fund

To be
confirmed

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Hon Mrs Regina IP proposed that the Administration should report on the latest situation of the Quality Education Fund.

17. Review of the education system in Hong Kong

To be
confirmed

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed to review the existing education system and its long-term development direction. Prof Hon Priscilla LEUNG was concerned how education policies would be formulated in the light of the development of GBA. At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Hon Lillian KWOK suggested early discussion of the item.

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18. Enhancing students' understanding of first aid and Chinese medicine

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Dr Hon David LAM proposed to discuss the incorporation of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator courses into the secondary education curriculum, as well as the incorporation of the history, principles and healthy lifestyle attitudes of traditional Chinese medicine into the curricula of kindergarten and primary education.

19. Digital education

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Prof Hon William WONG and Prof Hon Priscilla LEUNG proposed to discuss digital education, including the application of artificial intelligence in education, digital literacy, digital ethics, etc.

20. Integrated education

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Hon Lillian KWOK proposed to discuss the implementation evaluation and way forward of integrated education.

21. Career planning for students with special educational needs

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed to discuss the item.

22. Student counselling service

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed to discuss student counselling service in secondary and primary schools, including the development of student guidance personnel.

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23. Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach Programme

To be
confirmed

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Dr Hon David LAM proposed to discuss the item.

24. Impact of the decline in school-age population on secondary school enrolment

To be
confirmed

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, expressing concern that secondary schools have encountered great difficulties in student enrolment in recent years, causing significant impact on the school atmosphere and staff morale, Dr Hon TIK Chi-yuen proposed to discuss the impact of the decline in school-age population on secondary school enrolment.

25. Developing Hong Kong into an international education hub and promoting the “Study in Hong Kong” brand

To be
confirmed

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Prof Hon William WONG, Hon Lillian KWOK and Hon Mrs Regina IP requested to discuss this item.