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Prof. the Hon. Chow Man Kong, JP
Chairman
Panel on Education
Legislative Council of the HKSAR
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Prof. Chow,

Proposed amendments to the Hong Kong Baptist University Ordinance
(Cap. 1126)

As a Member of the Legislative Council (LegCo) and a member of the Council of Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), I am writing to request your determination that the *Hong Kong Baptist University (Amendment) Bill 2025* (Bill) be discussed at the meeting on the Panel on Education to be held on 6 June 2025. As agreed with HKBU, I intend to present the Bill as a Member's Bill to the Legislative Council after consultation with the Panel on Education.

2. HKBU is one of the eight University Grants Committee-funded universities and is governed by the *Hong Kong Baptist University Ordinance* (Cap. 1126) (Ordinance). The Ordinance has undergone several amendments, including one significant amendment in 1994 which granted university status to the institution.



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3. The HKBU Council has set up a Task Force on the Review of the Hong Kong Baptist University Ordinance (the Task Force) to review the Ordinance to ensure that the provisions therein are up to date and fit for purpose, and make recommendations to the HKBU Council, as necessary. The Task Force held a series of meetings since 2022 to review the contents of the Ordinance.

4. Upon the recommendations from the Task Force, consultations with the relevant stakeholders and approval by the HKBU Council, the following amendments to the Ordinance are proposed:

- (a) to update the objects of HKBU;
- (b) to clarify ambiguities in relation to the powers of HKBU and to reflect the actual practice at HKBU;
- (c) to reform the composition of the HKBU Council membership so that the HKBU Council shall comprise a majority of external members who are independent of HKBU as well as the selection criteria for the student representatives who are independent of HKBU;
- (d) to revise the provisions in relation to meetings and procedure of the HKBU Council;
- (e) to clarify the non-delegable duties of the HKBU Council;
- (f) to clarify ambiguities in relation to the powers of the HKBU's Senate and to reflect the actual practice at HKBU; and
- (g) to make miscellaneous amendments to enhance readability, remove obsolete references, maintain consistency in the text of the Ordinance and include consequential changes arising from the proposed revisions.



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5. HKBU has consulted the Education Bureau, and has taken into account their comments in response to the above proposed amendments to the Ordinance. The Education Bureau has indicated that it has no objection to the proposed amendments in principle vide its letter to HKBU dated 6 March 2025 at Annex. I am working with HKBU on the process of obtaining the Law Draftsman's Certificate on the draft of the Bill.

6. For enquiries, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Christine Chow, Vice-President (Administration) and Secretary of HKBU, at telephone number 3411 7511 or via email at chrisowchow@hkbu.edu.hk.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. the Hon. Johnny K.C. Ng
Member of the Legislative Council

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6 March 2025

Professor Alexander Wai
President and Vice-Chancellor
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Dear Professor Wai,

**Proposed revisions to the
Hong Kong Baptist University Ordinance (Cap. 1126)**

Thank you for your letter of 16 January 2025 seeking the Bureau's views on the further proposed amendments to the Hong Kong Baptist University Ordinance (Cap. 1126). This letter shall supersede the previous reply from the Education Bureau issued on 26 February 2025. The revised amendments proposed by the Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) are re-summarised as follows -

- (a) amendments to the Council membership composition –
 - (i) replace the ex officio Students' Union President with a student elected by and from the full-time undergraduate and sub-degree students;
 - (ii) add a student elected by and from full-time postgraduate students as a member;
 - (iii) add an alumni representative as a lay member, to be nominated by an alumni association of the University designated by the Council and appointed by the Council;

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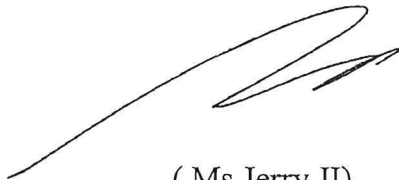
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- (iv) reduce the number of the staff-elected members from two to one;
- (v) reduce the number of Senate-nominated members from two to one;
- (vi) limit the number of Vice-Presidents as Council members to **three (including the Provost)**; and
- (vii) exclude all Deans.

As this is related to the internal management and operation of HKBU, with due respect for the principle of institutional autonomy, we do not have in-principle objection to the proposal.

As HKBU takes forward the legislative exercise, we should be most grateful if you would keep us posted of the progress as HKBU sees fit; we stand ready to provide facilitation as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ms. Jerry Ji', written in a cursive style.

(Ms Jerry Ji)
for Secretary for Education