

## **For Information**

### **Legislative Council Panel on Education**

#### **Annual Progress Report on Implementation of the Hostel Development Fund**

### **Purpose**

This paper reports to Members the progress on the implementation of student hostel projects funded under the Hostel Development Fund (HDF) as of June 2025.

### **Background**

2. In July 2018, the Legislative Council (LegCo) Finance Committee (FC) approved a one-off grant of \$10,303.7 million for establishing HDF for six University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded universities with a shortfall in hostel places to expedite the development of student hostels. The six universities are City University of Hong Kong (CityU), Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), and The University of Hong Kong (HKU). The HDF covers a total of 15 hostel projects of the universities concerned to provide 13 473 hostel places (see FCR(2018-19)35).

3. With the FC's approval, the UGC Secretariat signed service agreements with the universities concerned and disbursed in full the capital grants allocated to these universities. Annual progress reports on the implementation of HDF were submitted to the LegCo Panel on Education from 2019 to 2024 vide LC Paper No. CB(4)1123/18-19(01), CB(4)778/19-20(01), CB(4)1645/20-21(01), CB(4)610/2022(01), CB(4)652/2023(01) and CB(1)925/2024(01) for Members' information.

### **Implementation Progress**

4. The universities concerned are required to submit quarterly progress reports on the hostel projects to the Government until the completion and submission of the Statement of Final Accounts. Amongst the 15 hostel projects, seven projects (see **Table 1 of Annex**) were completed between 2022 and the

first half of 2025, providing a total of 7 347 publicly-funded hostel places (i.e. around 54% of all publicly-funded hostel places under HDF) and 136 privately-funded hostel places. Based on the information provided by the universities, the construction works of the remaining eight hostel projects are in progress (see **Table 2 of Annex**) and they are scheduled for completion gradually over the next few years.

## **Way Forward**

5. Members are invited to note the latest implementation progress of HDF. The UGC Secretariat will continue to monitor the progress and submit annual progress reports to the Panel for information.

**Education Bureau**  
**University Grants Committee Secretariat**  
**June 2025**

**Progress of Student Hostel Projects under  
the Hostel Development Fund  
(as of June 2025)**

**Table 1 – Completed hostel projects**

<b>University</b>	<b>Hostel Project</b>	<b>Capital Grant Disbursed under HDF (\$ million) (MOD)</b>	<b>Number of Hostel Places Provided</b>	<b>Commencement of Construction Works</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
CityU	Student Hostel at Whitehead, Ma On Shan	1,445.828	2 168	January 2022	May 2024
HKBU	Hostel Complex at 30 Renfrew Road, Kowloon Tong (“Village CARE”)	1,161.598	1 726	February 2019	March 2024
CUHK	300-place Student Hostel at New Asia Campus (“Mei Yun Tang”)	196.425	300	June 2019	December 2022
	250-place Student Hostel at United Campus (“United College Choi Kai Yau Residence”)	168.250	250	April 2022	June 2025
HKUST	Halls 10 – 13 Student Residences (formerly known as “1415-place Student Hostel”)	952.295	1 551 (1 415 places funded by HDF plus 136 additional privately-funded places)	July 2020	March 2025
HKU	Student Residence at Mui Fong Street	164.580	250	May 2019	June 2022
	Student Residence at Wong Chuk Hang Site	817.552	1 238	August 2019	August 2023

**Table 2 - Hostel projects for which construction works have commenced**

<b>University</b>	<b>Hostel Project</b>	<b>Capital Grant Disbursed under HDF (\$ million) (MOD)</b>	<b>Number of Hostel Places to be Provided</b>	<b>Commencement of Construction Works</b>	<b>Target Completion Date</b>
CityU	Student Hostel at Tat Hong Avenue, Kowloon Tong	992.007	1 691 (999 places funded by HDF plus 692 additional privately-funded places)	October 2023	October 2028
CUHK	300-place Student Hostel at Shaw Campus	201.900	300	July 2022	July 2025
	250-place Student Hostel at Wu Yee Sun Campus	168.250	250	March 2023	June 2027
	300-place Student Hostel at Chung Chi Campus	201.900	300	September 2023	December 2026
	394-place Student Hostel in Area 39	265.162	394	August 2024	June 2027
PolyU	Student Hostel at Ho Man Tin Slope	1,268.405	1 279	October 2020	August 2027
	Student Hostel at Tat Hong Avenue, Kowloon Tong	1,668.240	1 680	January 2023	October 2027
HKU	Student Residence at High West Site	631.274	938	November 2020	First half of 2026