



2000-01 年度財政預算
教育統籌局
2000-01 Budget
Education and Manpower Bureau

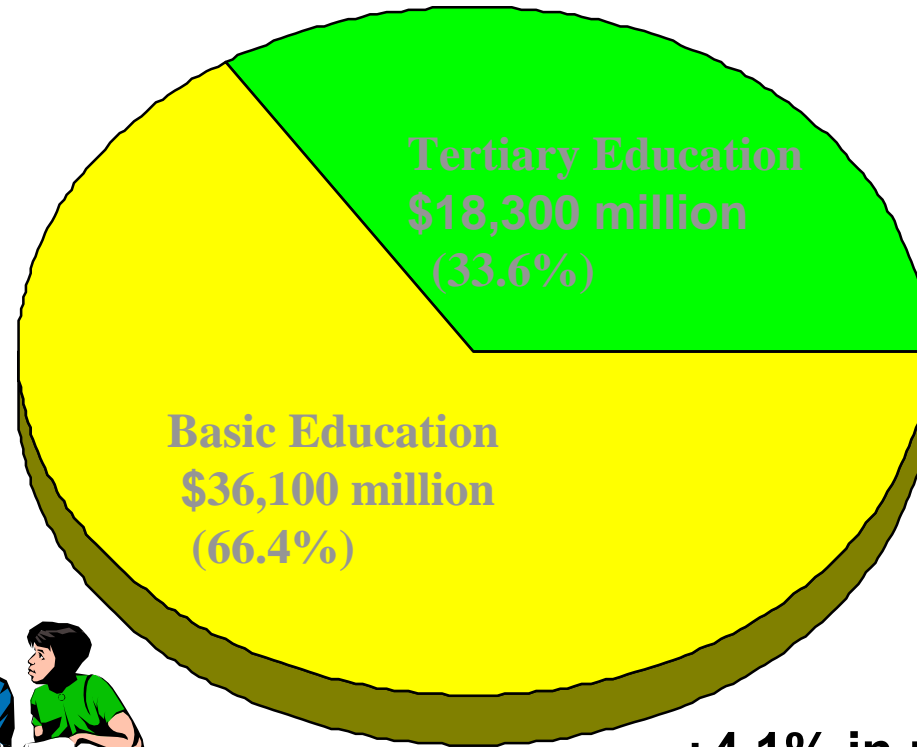
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2000-01 Total Government Expenditure on Education \$54.4 Billion

**22.3% of total
government
expenditure**



**+4.1% in nominal terms
+4.0% in real terms**

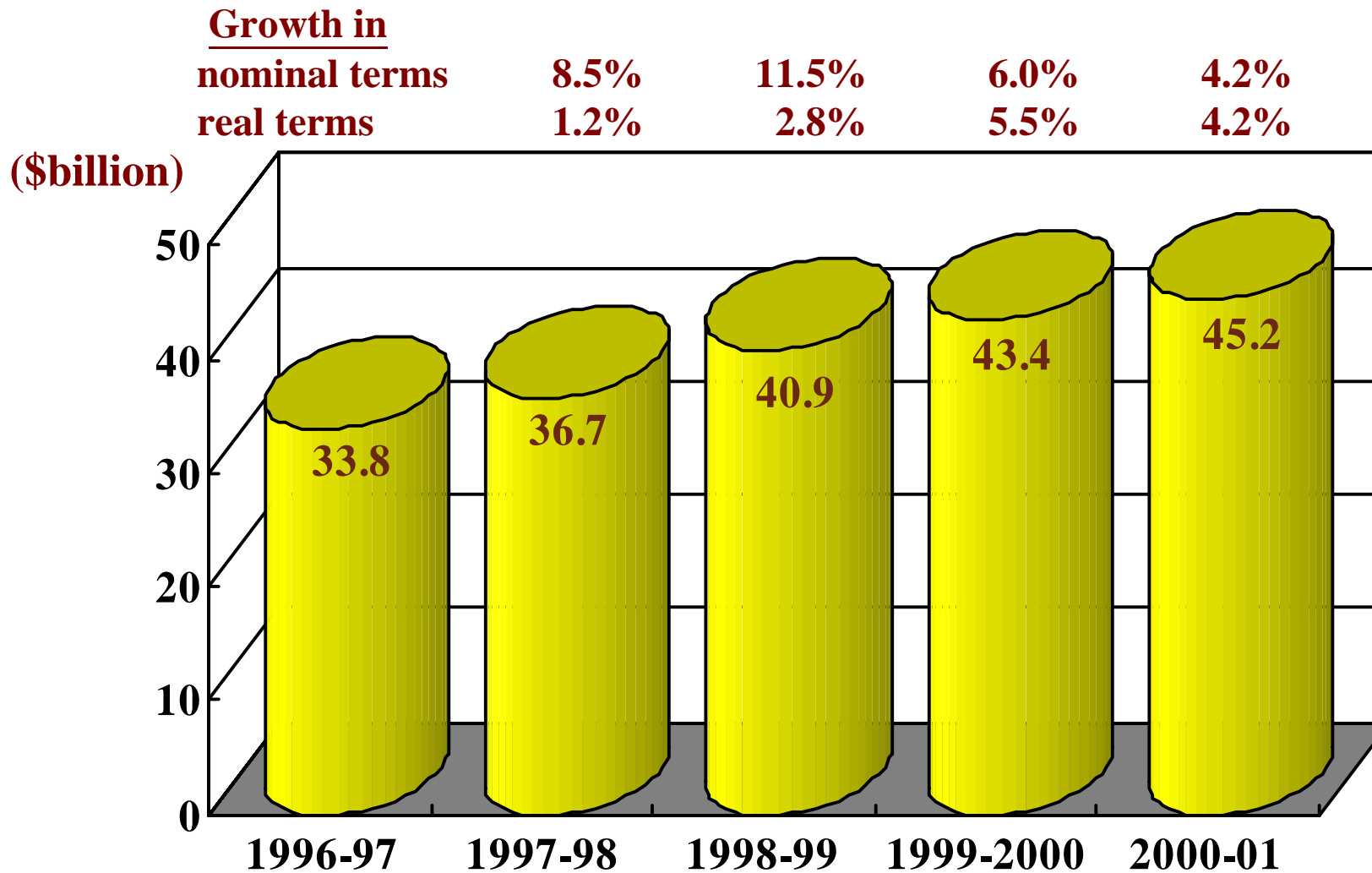
Total Expenditure on Education as a Percentage of Gross Domestic Product

(from 1996-97 to 2000-01)

Financial year	Total Expenditure on Education \$ billion	Gross Domestic Product \$ billion	Percentage (%)
1996-97	37.9	1,266.2	2.99
1997-98	47.1*	1,355.5	3.47
1998-99	47.8	1,507.1	3.17
1999-2000	52.3	1,374.3	3.80
2000-01 (Estimates)	54.4	1,311.6	4.15

* including allocation of \$5 billion for setting up the Quality Education Fund

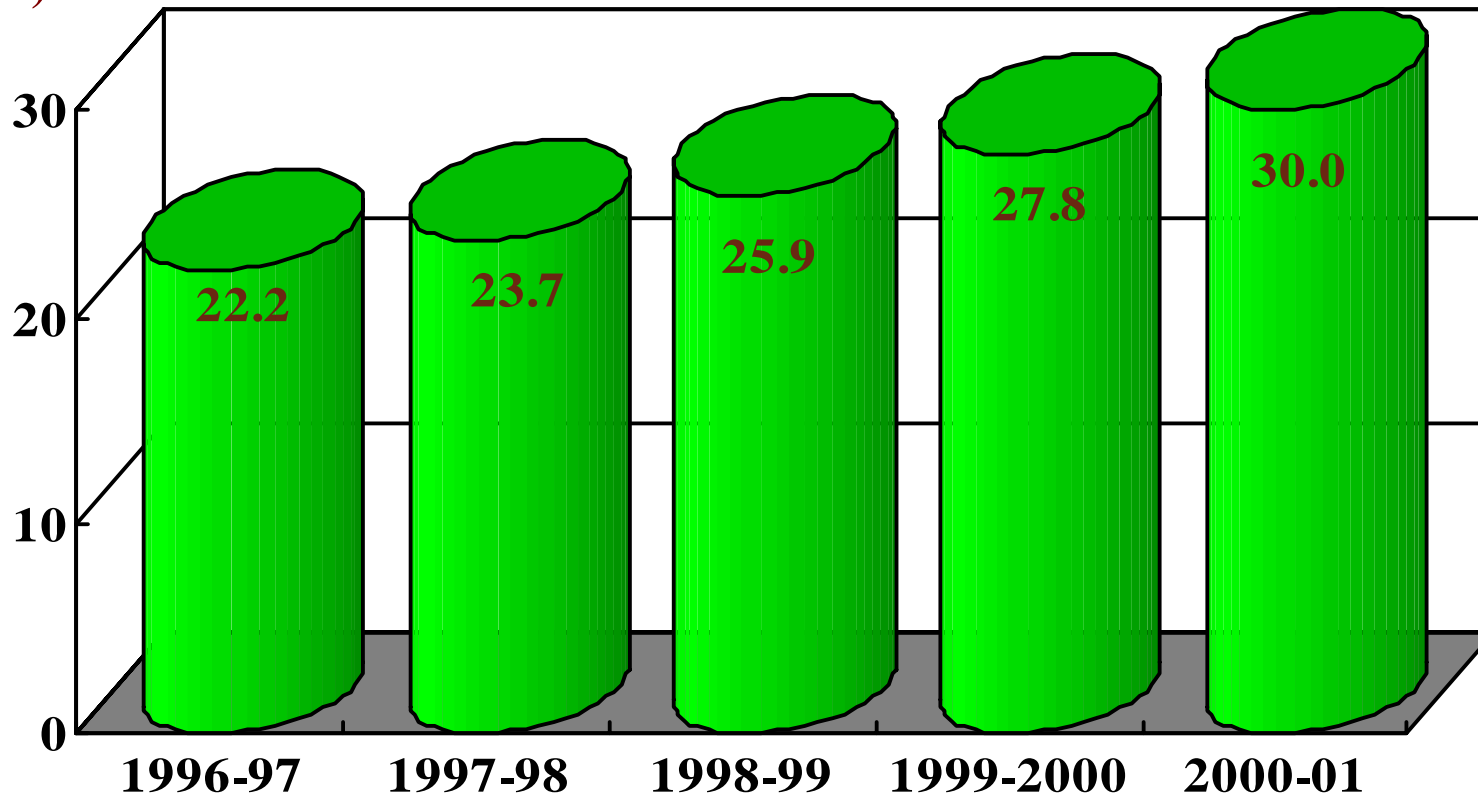
Total Recurrent Expenditure on Education



Recurrent Expenditure on Basic Education

<u>Growth in</u>				
nominal terms	6.8%	9.3%	7.4%	7.8%
real terms	-0.4%	0.7%	6.9%	7.8%

(\$billion)



Recurrent Expenditure on Tertiary Education

Growth in

nominal terms

11.8%

15.7%

3.7%

-2.2%

real terms

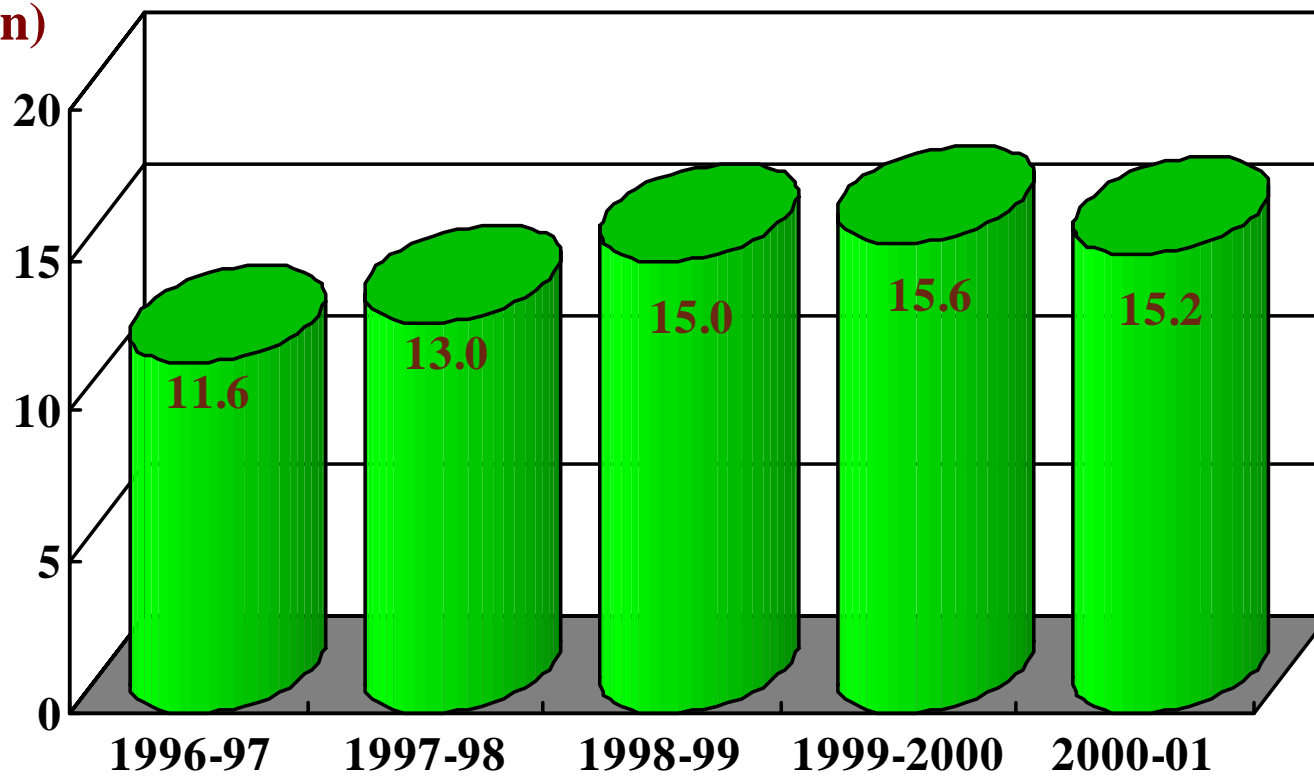
4.3%

6.6%

3.2%

-2.2%

(\$billion)



Additional teaching support to primary schools since 1996/97





As a result of providing about 1 600 additional teachers under various initiatives, the student-teacher ratio in primary schools will be improved from 23.2:1 in 1996/97 school year to 21.6:1 in 2000/01 school year.

Additional teaching support to secondary schools since 1996/97




As a result of providing about 1 100 additional teachers under various initiatives, the student-teacher ratio in secondary schools will be improved from 19.5:1 in 1996/97 school year to 18.7:1 in 2000/01 school year.


Additional administrative and technical support to primary and secondary schools since 1996/97

-  About 100 additional clerical staff have been provided for schools with academically low achievers since 1996/97 school year.
-  To enhance the clerical provision for all primary and secondary schools commencing from 1998/99 school year. A total of about 1 000 clerical staff will have been provided up to 2000/01 school year.

Additional administrative and technical support to primary and secondary schools since 1996/97 (cont'd)

-  An annual supplementary grant of \$120,000 to each primary school and \$155,000 to each secondary school has been provided, commencing from 1999/2000 school year.

Transforming the subvention system

-  From 2000/01 school year, the Government will disburse the existing item-by-item non-salary grants to schools in the form of a single recurrent block grant. Schools will be able to use the funds within the block grant in a flexible manner and to retain any unspent funds for future use.




Quality Education Fund (position as at 3.3.2000)

- Allocation from Government in January 1998 **\$5 billion**
- Balance of the Fund **\$6.4 billion**
- Total amount of grants approved **\$774 million**
- Amount of grants paid **\$440 million**


Quality Education Fund (cont'd)
Grants Approved
(as at 3.3.2000)

	No. of Grants	Amount of grants \$m	
Pre-primary	133	17	
Primary	369	122	
Secondary	752	380	
Special	71	20	
Cross-sector	78	235	
Total	1 403	774	
(IT projects)	(337)	(404)	52%

Additional Resources for 2000-01

-  \$300 million to help people find jobs and encourage continuing education
-  \$140 million to help needy students
-  \$800 million to support education reform

Promote employment and encourage continuing education

 \$300 million of additional recurrent expenditure for the following 7 new initiatives:

1. Continue the Youth Pre-employment Training Programme
2. Arrange additional on-the-job training for trainees of the Youth Pre-employment Training Programme
3. Increase vocational training places for S3 and S5 school leavers
4. Increase information technology training places for people of secondary school education level
5. Launch the "Project Springboard" - provide bridging programmes for S5 school leavers and adult learners
6. Extend the Non-means Tested Loan Scheme
7. Set up an on-line database for continuing education

1. Continue the Youth Pre-employment Training Programme

 We have earmarked \$80 million for the continuation of the Youth Pre-employment Training Programme:


- Representing an increase of \$30 million over the existing provision
- Provide pre-employment training and workplace attachment for over 10 000 young people
- Will conduct a comprehensive review of the Programme and consult concerned organisations regarding the strengthening of future training
- To launch this year's Programme in October

2000-01 Additional Recurrent Expenditure

2. Arrange additional on-the-job training for trainees of the Youth Pre-employment Training Programme

- ✎ We have earmarked \$26 million for the provision of additional on-the-job training for trainees:
 - Arrange trainees of the Youth Pre-employment Training Programme to receive on-the-job training at private companies/organisations of three months' duration
 - Employers have to commit to engaging the trainees for permanent jobs on satisfactory completion of the training and they will be granted a training subsidy by the Government at a rate of \$2,000 per trainee per month.
 - Will consult employers and other relevant parties on specific arrangements
 - On-the-job training will begin in May/June, about 4 000 trainees are expected to benefit.

3. Increase vocational training places for S3 and S5 school leavers

-  We have earmarked \$55 million for the Vocational Training Council (VTC)
 - We will increase the number of places, from 800 to 1 300, for the Certificate in Vocational Studies course for S3 school leavers
 - We will increase the number of places, from 2 000 to 3 000, for the Foundation Diploma course for S5 school leavers
 - Aim to enhance the employability of trainees by providing them with training in vocational and general skills
 - Trainees with good performance may move up the training ladder and enrol in other courses offered by VTC


2000-01 Additional Recurrent Expenditure

4. Increase IT training places for people of secondary school education level

 We have earmarked \$18 million for the Vocational Training Council (VTC) and the Employees Retraining Board (ERB)

- Propose to provide 1 000 places for the IT Assistant Training Programme each year
- The pilot course which commenced in February this year was well received and the number of places was increased from 170 to 300
- The pilot course will become a regular programme and the number of places will increase substantially to meet the needs of job seekers and the industry
- The course is a 10-week programme comprising 10 modules. Major contents include:
 - ◆ Basic IT skills
 - ◆ Maintenance and updating of web sites
 - ◆ Electronic commerce
 - ◆ Computer graphics
 - ◆ Internet support

5. Launch the "Project Springboard"

-  We will provide new day or evening bridging programmes for secondary school leavers and adult learners to pursue continuing education
 - Organised by the Federation for Continuing Education in Tertiary Institutions
 - Some 5 500 places will be offered in the first year and will be increased according to demand
 - The programme is skill-based. It provides core subjects on Chinese, Putonghua, English, IT, quantitative skills, communication skills and electives on practical subjects
 - On completion of these programme, trainees may pursue courses at a higher level offered by the organiser or other institutions
 - The tuition fees for these self-financing programmes range from about \$2,500 to \$3,000 per module (at least 10 modules are required to complete the programme)
 - The programme will commence in October 2000

5. Launch the "Project Springboard" [Cont'd]

 We have earmarked \$60 million to encourage students to pursue the bridging programmes


- Upon successful completion of each module, students will receive a reimbursement of 30% of the tuition fee
 - ◆ This subsidy scheme will be implemented on a pilot basis for three years. A comprehensive review will be conducted before the end of the period to evaluate its effectiveness
- Other support measures include
 - ◆ Students may obtain a non-means tested loan to meet their tuition fees
 - ◆ An allocation of \$5 million to the Federation for curriculum development and relevant work
 - ◆ The Government will consider recognising the diploma of these bridging programmes as equivalent to satisfactory completion of S5 education in the recruitment for certain posts

6. Extend the Non-means Tested Loan Scheme

 To ensure that no one is deprived of continuing education opportunities for lack of financial means



- To extend the scope of recognised institutions to include professional or continuing education courses provided locally by the following institutions
 - ◆ Non-local universities and professional bodies
 - ◆ Registered schools
 - ◆ Recognised training institutions
- Criteria to recognise institutions are being drawn up
- Eligible applicants estimated to increase from 200 000 to 700 000 people
- Total annual loan estimated to be \$173 million

7. Set up a website on continuing education

-  To set up a website on continuing education courses available in Hong Kong
 - Expected to be launched in July this year
 - Aspiring students and adult learners can browse the website for courses of their level and interest
 - To link up with major education and training institutions to provide a one-stop service

2000-01 Additional Recurrent Expenditure

An additional \$140 million to help needy students

-  \$100 million (37% increase when compared with the expenditure in 1999-2000) to improve the School Textbook Assistance Scheme.
-  \$40 million (14% increase when compared with the expenditure in 1999-2000) to improve the Student Travel Subsidy Scheme.

2000-01 Additional Recurrent Expenditure

Improvements to the School Textbook Assistance Scheme

- To apply 100% of the average costs of textbooks as a basis for grants for textbook for secondary students.
- To increase the non-textbook grant, with rates set at \$200 (half grant) and \$400 (full grant) per student per year, to help students pay for various types of stationery and non-tuition fees.
- Taking the two improvements together, full grant rates under the scheme will increase from \$422 to \$1,756 per student for various levels of study to \$864 to \$2,476 per student (increases ranging from 22% to 105%).
- Number of primary and secondary students to benefit totals 334 000.

2000-01 Additional Recurrent Expenditure

Improvement to the Student Travel Subsidy Scheme

- Students aged 12 and above eligible for full grants under the student financial assistance schemes will receive full subsidy of the average fare. (At present they receive only 50% subsidy.)
- The average travel allowance per student per annum to increase from \$1,438 to \$2,876 for those eligible for full subsidy.
- About 28 000 students or 14% of successful applicants are expected to benefit from the improvement.

2000-01 Additional Recurrent Expenditure

\$800 million additional resources to support education reform

- Early start on those recommendations of the Education Commission that the Government and the community consider to warrant priority action
- Expect the public, particularly those benefiting from the fruits of education, to shoulder a greater share of the substantial additional cost involved