

Panel on Education
List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 28 June 2024)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Nurturing and retaining talents

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Dr 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, Dr 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”).

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

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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.

4. Promotion of national education and national security education

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG, Hon CHOW Man-kong and Hon Benson LUK at the meeting on 17 January 2023. They proposed that the Administration should update the Panel on the implementation of national education (“NE”) and national security education (“NSE”) in post-secondary education institutions and international schools, and the Administration’s financial support for the promotion of NE and NSE.

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Prof Hon Priscilla LEUNG and Hon Lillian KWOK proposed that the Administration should report on the implementation progress of NE in schools, UGC-funded universities and the community; and how NE/patriotism education could support the Patriotic Education Law of the People's Republic of China.

5. Primary Science and Primary Humanities

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Hon Lillian KWOK and Hon LAM San-keung proposed to discuss Primary Science and Primary Humanities, including preparation work for their introduction, textbooks and teacher training.

6. Sister School Scheme

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Hon Lillian KWOK proposed that the Administration should report to members on the effectiveness of the Sister School Scheme.

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7. Kindergarten education

To be
confirmed

In September 2022, Dr 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.

8. Regulation and development of international 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 provide information on student admission and teacher wastage in international schools.

9. Student mental health

To be
confirmed

Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed in her letter dated 7 November 2023 to discuss measures to support students with mental health needs and prevent student suicides.

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Dr Hon TIK Chi-yuen, Hon CHU Kwok-keung and Hon Lillian KWOK requested early discussion of this item, including identifying and supporting students with mental health needs and students with suicidal risk through cross-departmental collaboration; promoting positive education in campuses; reviewing the structure of social workers, structure of student guidance personnel and 3-tier Intervention Model; and formulating homework policy.

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10. 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.

11. 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 and 16 January 2024, Hon CHU Kwok-keung urged for early discussion of this item.

12. Manpower of teachers

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Hon CHU Kwok-keung, Hon TANG Fei, Dr 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

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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. 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.

17. Tuition fee adjustment mechanism

To be confirmed

In September 2022, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG expressed concern that certain schools had doubled their tuition fees and proposed to discuss the tuition fee adjustment mechanism adopted by international schools, private schools and self-financing schools.

18. 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.

19. Review of the existing education system

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. Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG was concerned how education policies would be formulated in the light of the development of GBA.