

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

APPROVAL FOR HANG SENG MANAGEMENT COLLEGE, CHU HAI COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TUNG WAH COLLEGE TO AWARD DEGREES

INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Executive Council on 19 June 2012, the Council ADVISED and the Chief Executive ORDERED that approval should be granted to –

- (a) Hang Seng Management College (HSMC) to award degree for the proposed Bachelor of Arts in English (Honours) programme;
- (b) Chu Hai College of Higher Education (Chu Hai) to award degree for the proposed Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English for Professional Communication programme; and
- (c) Tung Wah College (TWC) to award degree for the proposed Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) programme.

JUSTIFICATION

Hang Seng Management College

2. Established by the Hang Seng School of Commerce, HSMC was registered under the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance (the Ordinance) in 2010. In April 2012, HSMC obtained the accreditation of the Bachelor of Arts in English (Honours) programme from the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ).

Chu Hai College of Higher Education

3. Chu Hai was registered under the Ordinance and began to offer degree programmes in 2004. In May 2012, Chu Hai obtained HKCAAVQ's accreditation of the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English for Professional Communication programme.

Tung Wah College

4. TWC is a post-secondary college established by the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals and registered under the Ordinance in 2011. In May 2012, TWC obtained HKCAAVQ's accreditation of the Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) programme.

Award of Degrees

5. Section 10(a) of the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance provides that a College may, with the prior approval of the Chief Executive in Council, award degrees. The aforementioned colleges have obtained HKCAAVQ's accreditations of their programmes and intend to introduce them in the 2012/13 academic year.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

6. The proposal is in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights. It has no significant economic implication, and no financial and civil service, productivity, sustainability or environmental implications.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

7. Public consultation is unnecessary as the proposal involves no policy change.

PUBLICITY

8. A spokesman will be available for answering public enquiries.

ENQUIRIES

9. In case of enquiries, please contact Ms Pecvin Yong, Principal Assistant Secretary for Education, at 3509 8502.

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