

## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF**

### **APPROVAL FOR POST SECONDARY COLLEGES TO AWARD DEGREES AND FOR CHU HAI COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO INCLUDE “HOK YUEN” IN ITS NEW CHINESE NAME**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

At the meeting of the Executive Council on 20 December 2022, the Executive Council ADVISED and the Chief Executive ORDERED that approval should be granted to –

- (a) Chu Hai College of Higher Education (CHCHE) to award degrees for the following programmes –
  - (i) Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English Studies;
  - (ii) Master of Arts in Arts Tech and Digital Communication; and
  - (iii) Master of Arts in Innovative Application for Creative Industries;
- (b) The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (HSUHK) to award degrees for the following programmes –
  - (i) Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in Financial Analysis and FinTech;
  - (ii) Master of Arts in Cultural Heritage Management; and
  - (iii) Master of Social Sciences in Public Policy and Risk Governance;
- (c) Hong Kong Shue Yan University (HKSJU) to award degrees for the following programmes –
  - (i) Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Arts, Culture and Technology; and

- (ii) Master of Social Work;
- (d) Tung Wah College (TWC) to award degrees for the following programmes –
  - (i) Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Biomedical Science; and
  - (ii) Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Forensic Biomedical Science;
- (e) UOW College Hong Kong (UOWCHK) to award degrees for the following programmes –
  - (i) Bachelor of Maritime Services and Operations Management (Honours); and
  - (ii) Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Smart-City Technology and Urban Informatics; and
- (f) CHCHE to use “香港珠海學院” as its new Chinese name.

2. Following the approval of the Chief Executive-in-Council (CE-in-Council), the Permanent Secretary for Education (PSED) has approved the change of CHCHE’s Chinese and English names to “香港珠海學院” and “Hong Kong Chu Hai College” respectively under the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance (Cap. 320).

## **JUSTIFICATIONS**

### **Award of degrees**

3. Section 10(a) of Cap. 320 provides that a post secondary college may, with the prior approval of the CE-in-Council, award degrees.

4. The proposed new degree programmes of CHCHE, HSUHK, HKSYU, TWC, and UOWCHK have obtained an accreditation status from the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (in the form of Learning Programme Accreditation or Programme Area Accreditation) as part of the quality assurance process. Save for HKSYU’s proposed Master of Social Work programme under paragraph 1(c)(ii) above, which is intended to be launched in the 2024/25

academic year, all other programmes are intended to be launched in the 2023/24 academic year.

### **Name of Post Secondary Colleges**

5. Section 8(1) of Cap. 320 provides that every post secondary college shall be registered under such name in both English and Chinese as may be approved by PSED, who shall not without the prior sanction of the CE-in-Council approve any name containing the word “University”, or the Chinese words “Tai Hok” (大學) or “Hok Yuen” (學院). CHCHE was approved by the CE-in-Council to use its current Chinese name “珠海學院”, which contains the Chinese words “Hok Yuen” (學院).

6. Since its establishment in 1947, CHCHE has been operating under the Chinese name of “珠海”. With the rapid development of Zhuhai city, this name has caused increasing confusion among students, parents, teachers, and other stakeholders on the location and positioning of CHCHE, which has no affiliation with Zhuhai city. In this connection, CHCHE considers that there is a need to adopt a new name which could link to the history of CHCHE whilst supporting its future development in Hong Kong and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area at the same time. Having consulted relevant stakeholders, including student, staff, alumni, and the media, the Board of Governors of CHCHE approved in November 2022 the change of its Chinese and English names to “香港珠海學院” and “Hong Kong Chu Hai College” respectively, in order to highlight its status as an approved post secondary college in Hong Kong. Hence, the CE-in-Council’s approval is required for CHCHE to retain the Chinese words “Hok Yuen” (學院) in its new Chinese name.

### **IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL**

7. The proposal is in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights. It has no significant family implications, and no financial and civil service, productivity, environmental, and gender implications. The proposal to approve the five post secondary colleges to award degrees would have positive sustainability and economic implications in widening the institution and programme choices for students and possibly helping nurture more talent, although the impact is

not expected to be significant. As for the proposal to allow CHCHE to include the Chinese words “Hok Yuen” (學院) in its new Chinese name, there should be no sustainability and economic implications.

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

8. Public consultation is not necessary as the proposal involves no policy change.

## **PUBLICITY**

9. A spokesman of the Education Bureau will be available for answering public enquiries.

## **ENQUIRIES**

10. In case of enquiries, please contact Mr Kasper NG, Principal Assistant Secretary (Further Education), at 3509 8502.

**Education Bureau**  
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