

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

APPROVAL FOR HANG SENG MANAGEMENT COLLEGE TO AWARD DEGREES AND TO INCLUDE “HOK YUEN” IN ITS CHINESE NAME

INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Executive Council on 4 May 2010, the Council ADVISED and the Chief Executive ORDERED that, subject to the registration of Hang Seng Management College (the College) under the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance (Cap. 320), approval should be granted to the College to use “恒生管理學院” as its Chinese name and to award degrees for the following three proposed programmes –

- (a) Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) programme;
- (b) Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in Supply Chain Management programme; and
- (c) Bachelor of Translation with Business (Honours) programme.

2. Following the approval of the Chief Executive-in-Council, the Permanent Secretary for Education has approved the registration of Hang Seng Management College (恒生管理學院) under the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance.

JUSTIFICATION

Accreditation of Programmes

3. The Hang Seng School of Commerce (the School) was founded in 1980 and has been registered as a school under the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) since then. It started with the provision of a Business Studies course, and commenced to operate Secondary Six course in 1991 and Secondary Seven course in 1992. The School started offering an associate degree programme in 2003 and a pre-associate degree programme in 2005 after obtaining Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and

Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ)'s validation of the programmes. In 2005, it also registered three non-local top-up degree programmes.

4. In 2008, HKCAAVQ completed an Institutional Review, commissioned by the School, to ascertain whether the School has an overall suitable academic environment for the conduct of degree programmes. The School has since fulfilled all pre-conditions set out in the report on the Institutional Review. In 2009 and 2010, the School obtained HKCAAVQ's accreditation of three degree programmes, namely Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) programme, Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in Supply Chain Management programme and Bachelor of Translation with Business (Honours) programme. As schools registered under the Education Ordinance cannot award degrees, the School has set up the College for the purpose of delivering the three degree programmes. The College intends to introduce these programmes from the 2010/11 academic year.

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. To enable the College to introduce the three degree awarding programmes from the 2010/11 academic year, the Chief Executive in Council's approval is required. The College will deliver the programmes in accordance with the requirements set by HKCAAVQ in the academic accreditation exercises.

Chinese Name

6. Section 8(1) of the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance provides that every college shall be registered under such name in both English and Chinese as may be approved by the Permanent Secretary for Education, who shall not without the prior sanction of the Chief Executive in Council approve any name containing the word "University", or the Chinese words "Tai Hok" (大學) or "Hok Yuen" (學院). As the College would like to use "恒生管理學院" as its Chinese name, approval of the Chief Executive in Council is required. It should be noted that the name "Hok Yuen" (學院) has been adopted by other degree-awarding

institutions such as Chu Hai College of Higher Education (珠海學院) and Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (香港演藝學院).

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

7. 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

8. Public consultation is unnecessary as the proposal involves no policy changes.

PUBLICITY

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

ENQUIRIES

10. In case of enquiries, please contact Ms Amy WONG, Principal Assistant Secretary for Education, at 3540 7468.

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