

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

APPROVAL FOR TUNG WAH COLLEGE TO AWARD DEGREE AND TO INCLUDE “HOK YUEN” IN ITS CHINESE NAME, AND FOR HANG SENG MANAGEMENT COLLEGE TO AWARD DEGREE

INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Executive Council on 22 March 2011, the Council ADVISED and the Chief Executive ORDERED that approval should be granted to –

- (a) Tung Wah College (TWC) to use 東華學院 as its Chinese name and to award degree for the proposed Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) programme, subject to the registration of TWC under the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance (Cap.320); and
 - (b) Hang Seng Management College (HSMC) to award degree for the proposed Bachelor of Journalism and Communication (Honours) programme.
2. Following the approval of the Chief Executive-in-Council, the Permanent Secretary for Education has approved the registration of Tung Wah College (東華學院) under the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance.

JUSTIFICATION

TWC

3. Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) is a charitable organisation offering medical and health, education and community services in Hong Kong. TWGHs operates a wide range of education services covering kindergartens, primary schools, secondary schools and special schools. In 2005, TWGHs joined force with The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) to establish 中國大學醫藥學院 (The Chinese University of

Hong Kong ó Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Community Collegeö (CUTW). CUTW is a school registered under the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279). It offers 21 associate degree programmes and one pre-associate degree programmes leading to awards conferred by CUHK.

4. With the experience gained from operating CUTW, TWGHs decided to establish a new college, TWC, to operate self-financing degree programmes. In 2010, the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) completed an Institutional Review, commissioned by TWC, to ascertain whether TWC has a suitable academic environment for the conduct of degree programmes in general. TWC was confirmed to meet HKCAAVQ's accreditation standards without pre-condition. In 2011, TWC further obtained HKCAAVQ's specific accreditation of the Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) programme. TWC intends to introduce the programme from the 2011/12 academic year.

5. 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 TWC would like to use "東華學院" 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), HSMC (恒生管理學院) and Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (香港演藝學院).

6. 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. TWC has obtained HKCAAVQ's accreditation of the Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) programme. TWC will deliver the programme in accordance with the requirements set by HKCAAVQ in the accreditation exercise.

HSMC

7. HSMC was established and registered under the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance in 2010 as a post secondary college. HSMC is now operating three degree programmes, a pre-associate degree programme and

an associate degree programme. It currently has around 1 130 full-time students.

8. In 2011, HSMC obtained HKCAAVQ's accreditation of the Bachelor of Journalism and Communication (Honours) programme. HSMC intends to introduce the programme from the 2011/12 academic year in accordance with the requirements set by HKCAAVQ in the accreditation exercise.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

9. 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

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

PUBLICITY

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

ENQUIRIES

12. In case of enquiries, please contact Miss Linda SO, Principal Assistant Secretary for Education, at 3540 7471.

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