

LEGCO QUESTION No. 10

Annex

**Chronology on proposals regarding the Chinese medicine hospital
and the ex-IVE(LWL) site submitted to the Education Bureau (EDB),
Food and Health Bureau (FHB) and University Grants Committee (UGC)
by the Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU)**

Date	HKBU's proposal	Remarks
November 2005	HKBU submitted a proposal to UGC on developing teaching facilities within the campus and on the ex-IVE(LWL) site to meet additional demands arising from the implementation of the new academic structure.	The proposal to develop the ex-IVE(LWL) site for teaching facilities was not accepted. However, HKBU was provided \$ 945.1 million and was permitted to proceed with its campus development plan within the campus to re-provision and develop new academic blocks to cope with the new academic structure.
February 2009	HKBU submitted a proposal to UGC on developing a Chinese medicine teaching and research centre, a student hostel and self-financing Academy of Film using the entire ex-IVE(LWL) site.	Land allocation is not within the purview of UGC. According to the established policies, EDB provides land openly through the Land Grant Scheme to non-profit making institutions for the operation of full-time locally accredited self-financing post-secondary programmes. EDB has no policy to directly allocate land to institutions for their self-financing activities.
September 2009	HKBU wrote to FHB together with a proposal on the planning and construction of a Chinese medicine hospital in Hong Kong. It was mentioned in the letter that "in terms of the site, we propose constructing a Chinese medicine hospital in urban areas for the convenience of the public. The ex-IVE(LWL) site in Kowloon Tong is one of the preferable sites... Of course, other conveniently located sites can also be considered."	
October 2009	HKBU submitted a proposal to EDB on developing a Chinese medicine hospital, student hostel and a self-financing Academy of Film using the entire ex-IVE(LWL) site. HKBU also proposed to FHB in writing regarding the development of the ex-IVE(LWL) site, including the construction of a Chinese medicine teaching hospital (CMTH). HKBU then met with FHB on 15 November 2009 to introduce the said proposal.	

Date	HKBU's proposal	Remarks
January 2010	HKBU wrote to FHB with revised proposal on the CMTH. There was no specific site mentioned.	
June 2010	HKBU met with FHB and mentioned using the ex-IVE(LWL) site for the development of a CMTH.	
December 2010	According to HKBU's information, HKBU met with EDB, putting forward the proposal of establishment of the Institute of Creativity and the Centre for International Exchange in lieu of the Chinese medicine hospital (CMH).	
June 2011	HKBU wrote to FHB to advise that the university had found common ground with Tsim Sha Tsui District Kai Fong Welfare Association (TSTKFWA) in establishing a CMTH, and that TSTKFWA had suggested the possibility of developing the CMTH at TSTKFWA's building in Tsim Sha Tsui. HKBU handed in a detailed proposal on developing the CMTH at the said site in November 2011.	
November 2011	HKBU wrote to FHB providing a revised proposal of establishing a CMTH at the TSTKFWA site.	
July 2012	HKBU proposed to EDB about using the entire ex-IVE(LWL) site for establishing student hostels, the Centre for International Exchange and Complex of Creativity. HKBU did not mention using the site for developing a CMTH.	HKBU did not provide details on the funding source (self-financed or UGC-funded) or scale of the proposed Centre for International Exchange and Complex of Creativity. EDB has no policy to directly allocate land to institutions for their self-financing activities. As regards UGC-funded activities, by the 2014/15 academic year, HKBU will only have a shortfall of 3 000 square meters of academic space*. Sufficient space has been reserved in the northern portion of the site to fully satisfy HKBU's aforesaid requirements for academic space and hostel places. HKBU can make good use of the additional space to provide teaching facilities that suit its needs.

Date	HKBU's proposal	Remarks
September 2012	<p>HKBU wrote to FHB with supplementary information on developing CMH at the TSTKFWA site.</p> <p>HKBU submitted a proposal to the UGC on developing a student hostel, a swimming pool and fitness centre using the entire site; but had not mentioned any concurrent discussion with FHB on the CMH proposal.</p> <p>HKBU also met with Secretary for Food and Health on 26 September 2012 and submitted a revised detailed proposal on jointly developing the CMH with TSTKFWA.</p>	<p>The proposal submitted by HKBU to UGC did not make full use of the entire site based on known development parameters.</p>
October 2012	<p>At an informal meeting between HKBU and FHB, HKBU mentioned that it might encounter difficulties in jointly developing the CMH with TSTKFWA and expressed its interest in developing the CMH at the ex-IVE(LWL) site. HKBU submitted a one-page layout plan without any detailed proposal.</p>	
November 2012	<p>HKBU submitted a proposal to the UGC on developing a student hostel in the northern portion of the site.</p>	<p>Following the established procedures, the UGC will in due course forward the project plan to the Administration for scrutiny under the prevailing policies. Upon completion of assessment, the Administration will secure financial provision for the proposal under the existing resource allocation mechanism. Selected capital project proposals may then proceed to the detailed planning stage.</p>
December 2012	<p>HKBU wrote to EDB and HKBU on 21 December 2012, expressing its objection to the Town Planning Board's proposal on the rezoning of the southern portion of the ex-IVE(LWL) site. In the letter, HKBU also mentioned its request for constructing the CMTH at the ex-IVE(LWL) site.</p>	

Date	HKBU's proposal	Remarks
January 2013	HKBU wrote to EDB, expressing that it had encountered difficulties in its plan to jointly develop a CMTH with TSTKFWA. HKBU also mentioned in the letter that it had expressed to FHB about its wish to explore the feasibility of developing the CMTH at the ex-IVE(LWL) site.	
February 2013	<p>HKBU met with FHB, advising that its plan to jointly develop a CMTH with TSTKFWA could no longer be pursued. At the meeting, FHB expressed that it had not received any formal notification from HKBU regarding its withdrawal of its proposal on jointly developing CMTH with TSTKFWA. HKBU responded that it would consider giving a formal reply to FHB.</p> <p>HKBU wrote to FHB subsequently to formally withdraw its proposal with TSTKFWA and submitted a non-site specific CMH proposal.</p>	

- * Assuming that the application by HKBU to use the former Royal Air Force Station site in Kwun Tong Road on a long-term basis will eventually be approved.