

The Government has conceived the plan to build a special school in Area 27 of Tung Chung since 2004. After completing preparations such as technical feasibility study and school design, the Education Bureau (EDB) has launched a consultation since 2008. The EDB has approached residents in the vicinity, local dignitaries and organisations, as well as the Islands District Council to gauge their views, which are summarised below:

Reservation about the school building project

- (1) The proposed school might cause noise pollution to villagers in the vicinity and disturb the tranquility of the surrounding area.
- (2) The proposed school might cause traffic problems in the vicinity.
- (3) The construction of a special school on the site in question is not supported and the EDB is requested to identify an alternative site.

Support for the school building project

- (1) Students with special educational needs (SEN) might need to receive education in other districts and this entails a considerable journey travelling to areas outside Tung Chung (such as Kwai Chung). The long distance involved makes it difficult for parents and schools to provide appropriate care and support for the students.
- (2) Given the ongoing development of Lantau, the area will, to a certain extent, have an increased demand for special schools. The Government is therefore urged to build a special school in Tung Chung as early as possible to provide school places for students with SEN.
- (3) Despite objection from residents in the vicinity to the school building project, it is hoped that a solution can be worked out at the soonest time possible, so that the school building project can commence on an early date. The progress of the construction work and the date of completion are both of concern.

- (4) Parents and the school sponsoring body are willing to brief residents, local dignitaries and Council Members on the operation of a special school and arrange visits for them in order to enhance mutual communication and exchanges.
- (5) The school building project should be subsidised by the Government. The injection of public resources will benefit the entire local community and cater for students with SEN in the district.
- (6) It is hoped that the EDB and organisations concerned will step up their efforts in promoting integration within the community and responding to the expectations of the residents, thus creating a win-win situation.
- (7) The Government is urged to make continuous efforts to solicit support among residents in the vicinity, local dignitaries, Council Members, etc. through various consultation channels.

Consultation on the construction of a special school in Area 27 of Tung Chung

| | Date | Consultation/meeting | Attendees |
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| 1 | 20 March 2008 | Consultation session with the residents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Representatives from the Education Bureau ● Mr Leung Siu-tong and Mr Cheung Kwok-kwong, Islands District Council Members ● Representatives from the Architectural Services Department ● Representatives from the Islands District Office ● Representatives from the Hong Chi Association ● Representatives from Ma Wan New Village and Pa Mei Village |
| 2 | 22 May 2008 | Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Representatives from the Education Bureau ● Mr Leung Siu-tong, Islands District Council Member |
| 3 | 19 May 2009 | Parents' seminar entitled "Care for your children starts with education" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents and staff representatives of pre-primary institutions, and Ms Chau Chuen-heung, Hon Tang Ka-piu, Bill, Mr Wong Fuk-kan, Rainbow and Mr Leung Siu-tong, Islands District Council Members ● Representatives from the Education Bureau ● Representatives from the Hong Chi Association |
| 4 | 15 June 2009 | Islands District Council meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All the Members of the Islands District Council |
| 5 | 1 February 2010 | Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hon Wong Kwok-hing, Legislative Council Member ● Hon Tang Ka-piu, Islands District Council Member ● Parents' representatives of Tung Chung ● Representatives from Heep Hong Parents' Association of Heep Hong Society ● Representatives from the Education Bureau |