

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

APPROVAL FOR HONG KONG SHUE YAN UNIVERSITY TO AWARD DEGREES

INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Executive Council on 9 April 2013, the Council ADVISED and the Chief Executive ORDERED that approval be granted to Hong Kong Shue Yan University (HKSJU) to award degrees for the following proposed programmes –

- (a) Master of Social Sciences (Transformation of Chinese Societies) programme;
- (b) Master of Science in Marketing and Consumer Psychology programme; and
- (c) Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies programme.

JUSTIFICATION

Accreditation of Programmes

2. The Hong Kong Shue Yan College (HKSJC) was established in 1971 as a private post secondary college and registered under the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance (the Ordinance) in 1976. It began offering degree programmes in 2001. The Chief Executive in Council approved the re-titling of HKSJC as the “Hong Kong Shue Yan University” in December 2006. In January 2013, HKSJU obtained the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ)’s accreditation of the proposed Master of Social Sciences (Transformation of Chinese Societies) programme and Master of Science in Marketing and Consumer Psychology programme. In March 2013, HKSJU further obtained HKCAAVQ’s accreditation of the proposed Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies programme.

Award of Degrees

3. Section 10(a) of the Ordinance provides that a post secondary college may, with the prior approval of the Chief Executive in Council, award degrees. HKSJU intends to introduce the aforementioned master's degree programmes in the 2013/14 academic year.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

4. 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, environmental or family implications.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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

PUBLICITY

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

ENQUIRIES

7. In case of enquiries, please contact Ms Pecvin Yong, Principal Assistant Secretary for Education, at 3509 8502.

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