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To: Eligible students who have received the subsidy and will continue pursuing relevant programmes in the 2024/25 AY (to be distributed by Participating Institution)

Dear students,

**2024/25 Academic Year
Non-means-tested Subsidy Scheme for
Self-financing Undergraduate Studies in Hong Kong (“NMTSS”)**

You have been granted subsidy under NMTSS for pursuing full-time locally accredited local or non-local self-financing first-year-first degree or top-up degree programmes provided by eligible institutions in Hong Kong. I would like to set out below the related arrangements for the 2024/25 academic year (AY) and some relevant points to note for attention and compliance.

Subsidy Amount for the 2024/25 AY

The annual subsidy amount of NMTSS will be increased from up to \$33,740 in the 2023/24 AY to **up to \$34,390** in the 2024/25 AY for both new and continuing students. The subsidy is tenable for the normal duration¹ of the programmes concerned. Eligible students enrolling in the relevant programmes

¹ For details of the normal duration of individual programmes, please consult the institution concerned or refer to the website of NMTSS (www.cspe.edu.hk/nmtss) or iPASS (www.cspe.edu.hk/en/ipass/index.html).

will only be required to pay a tuition fee net of subsidy on a pro rata basis². Students in need may still apply for the grant and/or loan from the Student Finance Office (SFO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency in respect of the actual amount of tuition fee payable (please refer to the website of SFO (www.wfsfaa.gov.hk) for details).

Application Arrangements for the Subsidy in the 2024/25 AY

All applications for the subsidy under NMTSS should be made through the eligible institutions. Please approach the institution(s) concerned direct for the detailed arrangements and also pay attention to the following -

- (a) Updating personal particulars, academic qualifications and records of post-secondary education

If there are any changes to the information which you previously provided to the institution concerned/Education Bureau (EDB) in the application form for the subsidy under NMTSS, including your personal particulars³ and records of post-secondary education⁴, please notify the institution concerned in writing within one month. Please ensure that the information provided is true, complete and accurate.

- (b) Continue with the programme that you are now pursuing

- (i) If you decide to continue with the programme that you are now pursuing⁵ (“current programme”) in the 2024/25 AY (which should fall within the normal duration of the programme), you need not submit an application afresh but may pay the tuition fee net of subsidy according to the advice of the institution concerned.
- (ii) Please note that once you have paid the tuition fee net of subsidy under NMTSS for the current programme, it will be regarded as your agreement to apply for the subsidy in the relevant semester

² For an annual tuition fee to be paid by two installments, a subsidy up to \$17,195 (i.e. \$34,390/2) will be provided for offsetting the tuition fee payable for each installment. If the annual tuition fee to be paid by two instalments is \$80,000 in total, the actual amount of tuition fee payable for each installment, after deducting the subsidy up to \$17,195 for each instalment, will be \$22,805 (i.e. \$80,000/2 - \$17,195).

³ Including information on the student name, HKID card number, contact method, etc., and the confirmation by the applicant that he/she does not have any relevant visa / entry permit / recognizance form issued by the Director of Immigration for the purpose of pursuing education in Hong Kong.

⁴ An applicant is required to confirm that he/she has not completed any degree programme, and is not pursuing a subsidised undergraduate or sub-degree programme (such as University Grants Committee-funded programmes, subvented programmes of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts or subsidised places under the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors (SSSDP)).

⁵ Referring to the programme pursued in the 2023/24 AY with the subsidy under NMTSS (applicable to the first semester of the 2024/25 AY) or that pursuing in the first semester of the 2024/25 AY with subsidy under NMTSS (applicable to the second semester of the 2024/25 AY).

through the institution concerned, and EDB will accordingly disburse the subsidy amount to the institution concerned for offsetting the tuition fee payable for that semester. If you subsequently decide to change to another eligible programme in that semester, you should not apply for the subsidy under NMTSS again in respect of the tuition fee payable in the same semester for the programme that you will change to (please also see item (c)(iii) below).

(c) Change to another eligible programme (once only under NMTSS)

- (i) If you decide to change to another eligible programme (“new programme”) in the 2024/25 AY, please notify the institution concerned of your decision to withdraw from the current programme as soon as possible and do not settle the advanced payment of the tuition fee for the current programme for that AY.
- (ii) You are allowed to change programme once only under NMTSS. If you change programme for the first time, please contact the institution offering the new programme for an application form (NMT01) and return the completed form to the institution concerned according to the deadline set by the institution. After the grant of approval for the change of programme for the first time, if you subsequently decide to change programme again, you will not be eligible for the subsidy.
- (iii) If you decide to change to the new programme after paying the tuition fee net of the subsidy for the current programme for the same semester, as the subsidy for that semester under NMTSS has already been used for offsetting the tuition fee payable for the current programme, you should not apply again for the subsidy under NMTSS in respect of the tuition fee payable in the same semester for the new programme, or in other words, pay the tuition fee in full⁶ without any deduction for the subsidy. However, if you meet the requirements stipulated in item (c)(ii) above, you may still apply for the subsidy for the new programme in the following semester, and by then the relevant application form (NMT01)

⁶ For example, a student pays the first installment of the tuition fee of the current programme in the 2024/25 AY (annual tuition fee of \$80,000 to be paid by two installments) to Institution A in August 2024. The amount payable is \$22,805 (i.e. \$80,000/2 - \$17,195) after deducting the subsidy of \$17,195 (i.e. \$34,390/2) for the first semester. If he/she subsequently decides to change to another eligible programme offered by Institution B (annual tuition fee of \$70,000 to be paid by two installments) in September 2024, he/she should not submit a duplicated application for the subsidy under NMTSS in respect of the tuition fee payable for the latter for the same semester. He/she should pay the first installment of tuition fee in full, i.e. \$35,000 (i.e. \$70,000/2). However, if this is the first time he/she changes a programme under NMTSS, he/she can still apply for the subsidy for the second semester in the 2024/25 AY through Institution B. After deduction of the subsidy of \$17,195 (i.e. \$34,390/2), the actual amount of the tuition fee payable for the second semester will be \$17,805 (i.e. \$70,000/2 - \$17,195).

should be obtained from and returned to the institution concerned direct for processing.

- (d) Participate in overseas exchange or internship programme, pursue a subsidised undergraduate programme, withdraw / suspend / defer from study

If you will participate in an overseas exchange or internship programme, pursue a subsidised undergraduate or sub-degree programme (such as University Grants Committee-funded programmes, subvented programmes of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts or subsidised places under SSSDP), or withdraw / suspend / defer from your study in the 2024/25 AY, please notify the institution concerned in writing within one month⁷. The institution and EDB will assess your eligibility for subsidy and decide whether to disburse or adjust the subsidy as appropriate based on the updated information.

For detailed arrangements on tuition fees payment and subsidy application, etc., please contact the institutions concerned direct.



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⁷ Please notify the institution concerned in writing within one month or by 30 September 2024 (for the first semester) or 31 March 2025 (for the second semester), whichever is the earlier.