

Task Force on Promotion of Vocational and Professional Education and Training submits review report to EDB (with photos)

The Task Force on Promotion of Vocational and Professional Education and Training (VPET) submitted its review report to the Education Bureau (EDB) today (January 23).

In its review, the Task Force considered various aspects pertaining to enhancing the promotion of VPET in Hong Kong, including its promotion in secondary and higher education, the development of vocational progression pathways and publicity strategy. The Task Force also made reference to the practices in other economies and stakeholders' views collected through a two-month public consultation completed in July last year.

The Chairman of the Task Force, Dr Roy Chung, said, "Under the theme of 'VPET for the Future', the review report reaffirms VPET's integral role in Hong Kong's education system to equip students with work skills for the future. The Task Force considers that the Government should strengthen and deepen collaboration with industries to provide more diversified and quality VPET programmes for young people, with a view to facilitating the parallel development of the VPET and academic education pathways."

The Task Force has put forward 18 recommendations in its report, including stepping up promotion of VPET in secondary education through existing platforms (such as Applied Learning and the Business-School Partnership Programme), reiterating the value and positioning of VPET in higher education (including the proposed applied degree and Higher Diploma), developing flexible vocational progression pathways for in-service practitioners under the Qualifications Framework and strengthening the future promotion of VPET with an innovative and coordinated approach. A leaflet highlighting the Task Force's key recommendations and a full list of the recommendations are at Annexes 1 and 2 respectively.

Having received the review report, the Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, said, "I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Chairman, Dr Roy Chung, and all of the members of the Task Force for their hard work and contributions to the review. Since its establishment in April 2018, the Task Force has been dedicated to conducting a comprehensive review on the promotion of VPET in Hong Kong and offered their invaluable professional advice, while suitably making reference to practices outside Hong Kong and the views of major stakeholders.

"The Government has all along been committed to providing multiple and flexible education pathways for young people with different aspirations and

abilities through VPET. The recommendations of the Task Force help chart a clear way forward for the promotion of VPET as a preferred choice. The EDB will carefully study the report and actively follow up on its recommendations," said Mr Yeung.

The full review report can be viewed on the EDB's website (edb.gov.hk/en/edu-system/other-edu-training/vocational-other-edu-program/promotion-vet.html).

