

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SUBGROUP ON EDUCATION,
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, CULTURE, SPORTS AND RELIGION
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Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Fellow Members,

After the fifth plenary session of the Drafting Committee this year, the Subgroup on Education, Science, Technology, Culture, Sports and Religion held two meetings: the eighth meeting took place in Beijing on 26 August 1987, the ninth meeting in Guangzhou on 8 and 9 October 1987. At the ninth meeting of the Subgroup, members discussed and amended the provisions of Chapter 6 in the light of the views on Chapter 6 expressed at the fifth plenary session, and with reference to the final reports of the Special Group on Culture and Education of the CCBL. With regard to the question of professional qualifications in Article 9, some members suggested adding the following to paragraph 1 of the article: "the previous manner and procedure for accrediting and conferring qualifications for various types of professional practice in Hong Kong will be retained and improved". And the clause "those professional organisations shall accredit and confer professional qualifications in accordance with their previous practice" should be added to paragraph 3. Some members expressed disapproval and suggested that the original article should remain unchanged. At present the former view is adopted in the draft Article while the latter is included in the Note. But as the two views are relatively diverse, it is hoped that they will be discussed at the plenary session.

The revised draft of Chapter 6 on "Education, Science, Technology, Culture, Sports and Religion in the HKSAR" passed by the Subgroup and the Notes to the relevant articles are now submitted to the sixth plenary session of the Drafting Committee for discussion.

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(The provisions are included in the Collection of Draft Provisions of the Various Chapters Prepared by the Subgroups of the Drafting Committee. See Articles 141-156.)