

**To : Vice-Chancellor and President,
The University of Hong Kong**

**Project Definition Statement for
Academic Building at No. 3 Sassoon Road
The University of Hong Kong**

Please complete a Technical Feasibility Statement for the above project in accordance with Financial Circular No. 4/2012.

1. Objective

One of the Government's policy objectives in post-secondary education is to assure the quality of tertiary education and ensure its relevance to the needs and development of the community. The proposed project aims to build a new academic building at No. 3 Sassoon Road for meeting part of the academic space requirements of the students in The University of Hong Kong (HKU).

This proposed project will also be the first phase of redevelopment of several of HKU's existing campus premises along Sassoon Road. It will provide opportunity for HKU to re-shuffle the facilities along Sassoon Road and to re-organise the medical campus along both sides of Sassoon Road.

2. Source of Policy Approval

This project is to construct a new academic building at No. 3 Sassoon Road (a site currently belonging to the Hospital Authority (HA) which is planned for land exchange with HKU's site of existing University Pathology Building adjacent to the Queen Mary Hospital (QMH)). The proposed new academic building will meet part of HKU's shortfall in academic space and is supported by the University Grants Committee.

3. Justifications for the project

The project will allow HKU to re-organise its community of medical functions along Sassoon Road so as to align with the latest medical technologies. It will also enable HA to complete its redevelopment plan for QMH with the land to be exchanged between HKU and the Government.

Taking into account of the space to be provided by the projects with UGC support, it is estimated that HKU has an estimated shortfall in academic space of about 15 900 m² in net operational floor area (NOFA) for 2015/16 academic year. This project proposal will provide a net increase in NOFA of some 4 800 m² meeting part of the above shortfall in academic space after the surrender of the University Pathology Building.

4. Target date for project to come into operation

The target date for this project to come into operation will be 4th quarter 2020.

5. Description of project scope/special requirements

The project seeks to obtain government funding to construct a new academic building on the site at No. 3 Sassoon Road. The proposed building will also be connected to the existing Pokfulam Road pedestrian bridge which connects to QMH in order to provide a safe and convenient access for the users of the new building as well as for the HKU community. It will also involve other associated works such as stabilisation of existing retaining walls and slopes, landscaping work and energy efficiency/ sustainability/ green features.

The site area for the project is about 3 550 m². The NOFA is planned at 8 350 m² with construction floor area of 14 707m². The new building will provide up-to-date facilities for the Faculty of Medicine's research, teaching and administration.

The Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine will be the major user of the new development which is proposed to include the following:

- School of Public Health
- School of Chinese Medicine
- School of Nursing
- Central facilities

Preliminary plans indicate the following uses in the new development:

- Classrooms
- Research laboratories

- Teaching laboratories
- Offices
- Student and staff amenities
- Supporting facilities
- Health care facilities