



Federation for Self-financing Tertiary Education

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Self-financing Sector – Growth in a decade

- Remarkable growth in the past decade in terms of number of students, institutions and programmes

	2004	2014
Local degree-awarding institutions	3	10
Full time locally-accredited degree programmes (excluding Top-up degree)	26	125
Full-time locally-accredited first-year-first-degree intake places	1 000	7 000
Full-time locally-accredited sub-degree programmes	173	327
Full-time locally-accredited sub-degree intake places	10 000	30 000
Overall post-secondary participation rate for relevant age cohort	30%	~ 70%



19 Local Degree-awarding Institutions

9 Publicly-funded Institutions

- 8 University Grants Committee-funded (UGC) institutions
- Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts



10 Self-financing Institutions



Caritas Institute of Higher Education



Centennial College



Chu Hai College of Higher Education



Hang Seng Management College



港專 College of Technology



Hong Kong Nang Yan College of Higher Education



Hong Kong Shue Yan University



The Open University of Hong Kong



Tung Wah College



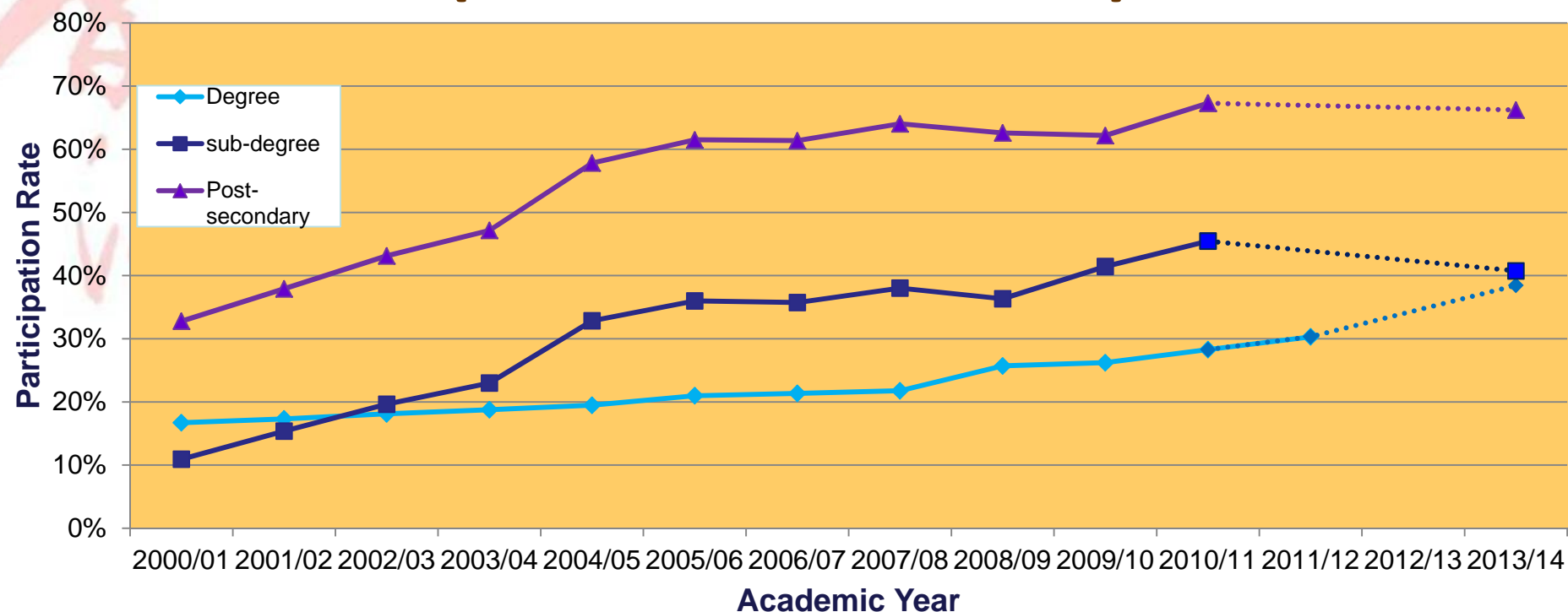
The Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong (THEi), Vocational Training Council

Post-secondary Education

- Through the development of both publicly-funded and self-financing sectors, about **38.4%** of our young people in the relevant cohort now have access to **degree level** education.
- Including sub-degree education, **nearly 70%** of our young people have access to **post-secondary education**.



Post-secondary Participation Rate (2000/01–2013/14)



Notes :

1. To avoid double-counting, the number of senior year/top-up degree places, as articulation pathways for sub-degree graduates, will be deducted in the overall participation rate.
2. The 2011/12 academic year was a gap year during which there were no Secondary Five graduates. Sub-degree participation rate is undefined for the year.
3. The 2012/13 academic year was a double cohort year. Publicly-funded First-Year-First-Degree places offered in the year were doubled to cater for two cohorts of senior secondary students graduating in the same year. Undergraduate and sub-degree participation rates are undefined for the year.

Self-financing Sector - Characteristics

- Wider variety of programmes:
 - Nature
 - Teaching outcomes
 - Level
 - Mode of delivery
 - Duration
- Flexibility and Diversity
- Responsiveness to fast-changing economy
- Complementary to the publicly-funded sector

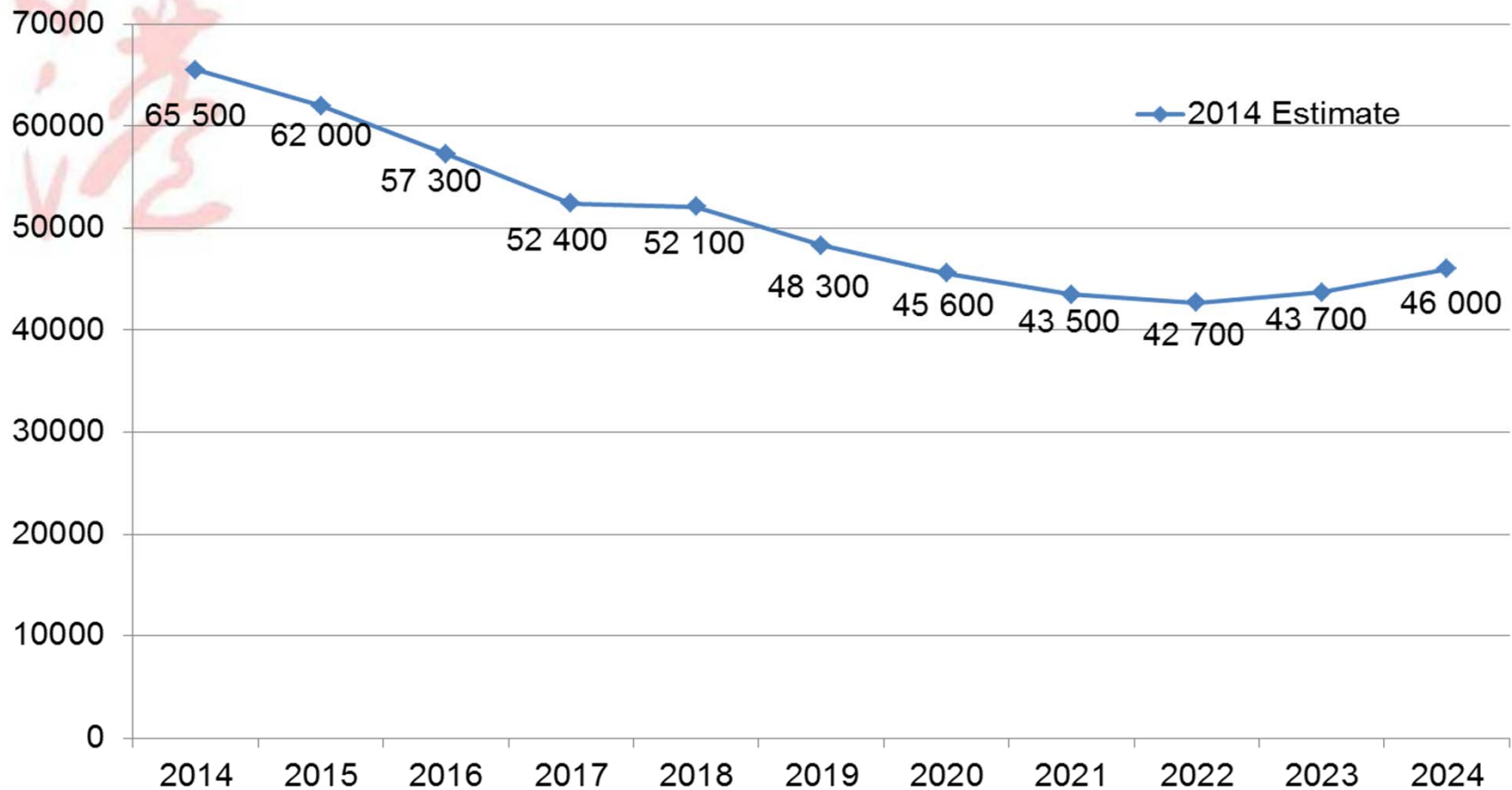


Self-financing Sector - Challenges

- Competition among the institutions
- Students' expectations
- Community's expectations



Coming 10 years: Declining S6 Graduate Population



Self-financing Sector - Government Policies

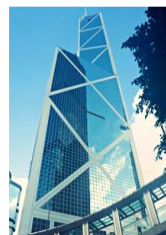
- Quality multiple pathways
- Parallel development of the publicly-funded and self-financing post-secondary education sectors
- High degree of autonomy and academic freedom for post-secondary institutions
- Enhancing quality assurance, good governance and the interest of students



Self-financing Sector - Support Measures



Land Grant Scheme



Start-up Loan Scheme



Quality Enhancement Grant Scheme



Self-financing Post-secondary Education Fund



Qualifications Framework Support Schemes and Qualification Framework Fund



Sixth Matching Grant Scheme



Student Finance



Research Endowment Funding

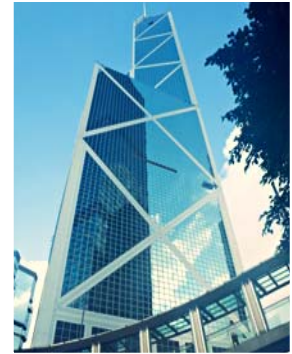
Land Grant Scheme

- Launched in 2002
- Provides land and vacant premises at nominal premium or rent
- For operators of locally-accredited self-financing post-secondary programmes
- Granted 11 land sites and 6 vacant premises



Start-up Loan Scheme

- Launched in 2001
- Interest-free start-up loans in support of the development of college premises, reprovisioning of existing premises and enhancement of teaching and learning facilities
- Approved 38 loans (a total of \$7 billion)
- Extended to support the development of student hostels in 2012



Quality Enhancement Grant Scheme



- Launched in 2008 with a one-off injection of \$100 million
- Enhance the quality of teaching and learning of self-financing programmes
- FSTE had successfully completed three projects with a total grant of \$5.95 million

Self-financing Post-secondary Education Fund



- Total commitment of \$3.52 billion
- Provides scholarships and support quality enhancement initiatives
- Since 2011, disbursed \$159 million scholarship monies to 7 400 students
- Since 2012, approved 22 projects with a total grant of more than \$96 million

Qualifications Framework Support Schemes (QFSS) and Qualification Framework Fund (QFF)



- QFSS
 - Launched in 2008
 - Assists education providers in seeking accreditation of their programmes and register in the Qualifications Register
- QFF
 - An endowment fund of \$1 billion established on 1 September 2014
 - To support the sustainable development and implementation of QF

Sixth Matching Grant Scheme



- Set aside \$2.5 billion to help institutions tap more funding sources, improve the quality of education and foster a philanthropic culture
- A total amount of \$400 million has been granted to 8 self-financing local degree awarding institutions

Research Endowment Fund



- Allocated \$3 billion in the Research Endowment Fund to support self-financing degree sector in enhancing academic and research development
- For the 2014/15 funding allocation exercise, about \$100 million has been granted to 7 local degree-awarding institutions

Student finance



- Provides means-tested and non-means-tested financial assistance to ensure no student is denied access to education due to lack of means
- Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary students (FASP)
 - Comparable to the publicly-funded sector
- In the 2013/14 academic year, a total of about 26 600 applicants were given grants totaling over \$1,187 million

Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors (SSSDP)

- A new subsidy scheme, starting from the 2015/16 academic year, to subsidise up to 1 000 students per cohort
- To pursue designated self-financing undergraduate programmes in selected disciplines
- The scheme will be made available to 3 cohorts and then subject to a review



Institutions	Disciplines	Programmes	Number of subsidised places	Maximum Subsidy Amount* (\$)
Chu Hai College of Higher Education	Architecture and Engineering	Bachelor of Architecture (Honours)	40	40,000
Hang Seng Management College	Logistics	Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in Supply Chain Management	70	40,000
The Open University of Hong Kong	Creative Industry	Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honours in Animation and Visual Effects	80	70,000
	Health Care	Bachelor of Nursing with Honours in General Health Care	150	70,000
	Health Care	Bachelor of Nursing with Honours in Mental Health Care	70	70,000
	Testing and Certification	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Testing and Certification	50	70,000
Tung Wah College	Health Care	Bachelor of Health Science (Honours) (Nursing Major)	200	70,000
Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong, Vocational Training Council	Architecture and Engineering	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Landscape Architecture	10	40,000
	Architecture and Engineering	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Civil Engineering	60	70,000
	Architecture and Engineering	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Environmental Engineering and Management	60	70,000
	Creative Industry	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Fashion Design	60	70,000
	Creative Industry	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Product Design	60	70,000
	Tourism and Hospitality	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Culinary Arts and Management	30	40,000

*Tuition fees of the subsidised programmes have been announced in the webpages of the respective institutions.

Self-financing Sector - Quality Assurance

- Stringent quality assurance monitoring mechanism
 - Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ)
 - Quality Assurance Council (QAC)
 - Joint Quality Review Committee (JQRC)
- Liaison Committee on Quality Assurance
- Working group on periodic external audits



Self-financing Sector - Employability of graduates

- Institutions are reminded to take due account in the demographic and manpower trends in programme planning
- Institutions to enhance employability of graduates with reference to local and international practices
- Improvement measures:
 - Publish graduate profile and expected employment pathway
 - Conduct surveys



Self-financing Sector - Concerted efforts

- Common application and admission arrangements
 - Benchmarking enrolment deposits at not more than \$5,000
 - Common deadline for payment and refund of enrolment deposit
- Comprehensive information sharing
 - iPASS
 - Concourse



Self-financing Sector - Concerted efforts

- FSTE Guidelines
 - Enhance consistency and transparency in enrolment and admission arrangements
- Committee on Self-financing Post-secondary Education (CSPE)
 - A platform for discussing macro and strategic issues of common interest
 - Promulgate a series of initiatives to help promote governance and development of the sector

Committee on Self-financing Post-secondary Education

- Major initiatives include:
 - Concourse
 - Seminar on Closer Alignment between Post-secondary Education Institutions and Industries and follow ups
 - Consultancy Study and Code of Good Practices



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