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Question:

Has the Government collected annual statistics on the number of local secondary school students who pursue further studies in the Mainland and the number of such students who seek development in the Mainland after university graduation? If yes, please provide the statistics. If no, please explain why and advise whether the relevant surveys will be conducted in future.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-yan, Joephy

Reply:

According to the information provided by the Ministry of Education, as at January 2020, February 2021 and January 2022, 16 228, 16 562 and 18 430 Hong Kong students were studying at higher education institutions and research institutes in the Mainland respectively.

2. As Hong Kong students are not required to report to the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) whether they pursue development in the Mainland after university graduation, the relevant statistics are not available. The Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government maintain close liaison with Hong Kong student groups and associations of Hong Kong people in the Mainland, and from time to time provide them with information about living and working in the Mainland. If needed, they may approach the Mainland Offices for enquiry.

3. The Education Bureau of the HKSAR Government will continue to communicate with the education authorities of various provinces and cities in the Mainland to understand their policies and arrangements on education for Hong Kong students and collect the relevant information, with a view to helping more Hong Kong students pursue further studies and development in the Mainland.

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