

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMITTEE**

**Task Force on the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine Programme  
of CityU (BVMTF)**

**Terms of Reference**

In the light of the Government's advice that there is a prima facie case to consider introducing a professionally-accredited undergraduate training programme in veterinary medicine in Hong Kong, to advise the UGC on CityU's BVM proposal, and in particular,

- (a) To consider whether CityU's proposal is appropriate in terms of the model of a fit-for-purpose, small professional veterinary medicine training with a top-heavy or overweight postgraduate and research programme which should best suit the needs of Hong Kong which was recommended previously by the Veterinary School Task Force;
- (b) To consider whether the budgeting, expenditure forecast, funding support and sustainability of the proposal would enable the publicly-funded vet programme to be offered on a "cost-neutral" basis for the UGC and the Government;
- (c) To consider accreditation arrangements and further whether students will be able to practise veterinary medicine in Hong Kong upon graduation with no conditions attached; or failing which, a viable exit plan will be in place to ensure that students can be transferred to a programme of another institution, the qualification from which is recognized by the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong for professional practice; and
- (d) To consider any other issues related to CityU's BVM programme.