

Action urged over university cost row

THE Public Accounts Committee should summon the Chief Secretary, Sir David Ford, and the chairman of the Hongkong University of Science and Technology's council, Sir Sze-yuen Chung, to its third hearing, an education group urged yesterday.

The chairman of the Education Action Group, Mr Anthony Ha Man-ho, also urged the former director of architectural services, Mr Jose Lei

Meng-can, the former secretary for education and manpower, Mr Ron Bridge, and the former chairman of the Royal Hongkong Jockey Club, Sir Gordon Macwhinnie, to speak up so the truth of the \$1.6 billion cost overrun could be revealed.

The Public Accounts Committee is to decide tomorrow whether a third public hearing should be held and whether Sir Sze-yuen should be sum-

moned to testify before the committee.

Mr Ha said a third hearing was necessary to find out whether facts about the huge cost overrun had been concealed and whether it resulted from collaboration between certain people.

"The hearing should also find out if any government officials had committed mistakes," he said.