

\$36 million sought for curriculum development

THE Education and Manpower Branch will seek an extra \$36 million to establish a curriculum development institute and develop a framework of student attainment targets recommended by the fourth report of the Education Commission.

The Secretary for Education and Manpower, Mr John Chan Chak, said that according to the re-

port, an institute should be created in 1992-93 to plan curriculums and provide and update curriculum guides.

Its other functions would include the development of resource materials, the management of resource cen-

tres and the review of textbooks. The report also recommended that a framework of attainment targets and related assessments should be developed.

Setting up the institute would cost an estimated \$27 million, while \$9.1 million would be needed to develop an assessment framework.

Mr Chan said other recommendations in the report would have to wait until there were sufficient funds to be implemented.

Mr Chan admitted that the proposed increase in class size would have an impact on the quality of education, but added that student numbers were not the only factor affecting education quality.