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Admissions scheme worries students

THE student union of the University of Hongkong yesterday urged administrators of the six local tertiary institutions to look carefully at the possible ill-effects of the proposed joint admission scheme before implementing it.

Results from a survey on 473 students of the university showed that almost all respondents regarded the pro-

posed admissions scheme would put more pressure on form five students sitting for the Certificate of Education Examination (O-level).

About 83 per cent of the respondents also feared that more form five students would re-sit the public examination because results from the examination would have significant bearing on

students' chances of getting an offer.

Under the scheme, scheduled to be implemented from September 1991, students will be given offers by the three universities, two polytechnics and the Baptist College at the end of form six based on their performance at the CEE.

The offers will be "firm"

for those going into the Chinese University, which will also look at students' performance in a separate test at the end of form six.

But for those going for courses in other institutions the offers will be conditional upon satisfactory performance at the Advanced Level Examination after form seven.