

~~10,000~~ Use Open Learning Institute

ANNUAL reports on the Open Learning Institute, the Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped and the Jubilee Sports Centre were tabled in the Legislative Council.

The Open Learning Institute had so far admitted nearly 10,000 students, said legislator Mr Cheng Hon-kwan.

Tabling the institute's first annual report, Mr Cheng said the institute was drafting a development plan which it would be willing to share with other tertiary institutes.

The Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped last year introduced seven projects at a cost of \$2.5 million.

Legislator Dr Henrietta Ip Man-hing, who presented the report, said the projects were aimed at dispelling community misconceptions about mentally handicapped people's vocational, social and communication skills.

A job training and placement service for mentally handicapped people was established to supplement the vocational training and employment assistance programmes provided by the Government under the Rehabilitation Programme Plan.

The Jubilee Sports Centre was preparing for its transformation into the Hongkong Sports Institute next April, said Legislative Councillor Mr Paul Cheng Ming-fun.