

HONG KONG STANDARD
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\$150m Open Learning grant welcomed

THE decision to provide \$150 million for a new Open Learning Institute (OLI) campus received a favourable reaction.

"I support the proposal of granting the OLI \$150 million for equipment and premises. I also hope this will not be a once-and-for-all grant," secretary of the Hongkong Association for Continuing Education, Mervyn Cheung, said.

"In the event of the OLI moving into new premises, I hope the Government will review aid policies."

Garajaj Dhanarajan, director of the Open Learning Institute, said the provision of sufficient resources for adult education was vital.

"At this junction of the territory's shifting economic activity (from a manufacturing to a service base), it is absolutely necessary that adequate provision be made for the continuous training and updating of the skill and knowledge of our workforce," he said.

"The OLI is set to play this role. Government support through this grant is a sign of its commitment to the task in front of us."