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Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority
Examination Circular No. (8) 2012/2013
2014 Examination Timetable and Date of Release of Results

1. This circular is to inform schools of the 2014 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) examination schedule as follows and to seek schools' co-operation to ensure the smooth conduct of the examinations:
 - (a) The 2014 examination timetable for Category A subjects (*Annex 1*);
 - (b) The examination timetable for Category C (Other Languages) subjects for November 2013 series (*Annex 2*);
 - (c) Date of release of results.
2. In drawing up the 2014 HKDSE examination schedule, consultations have been made with the school councils/school representatives of the Advisory Committee on Public Examinations Administration of the HKEAA, the Principals' Liaison Meeting of the EDB and the tertiary institutions in a bid to meet the needs of various stakeholders. After considering the feedback from stakeholders, the 2014 examination timetable is compiled based on the following principles:
 - (a) The Chinese Language speaking examinations will be held in March with the English Language ones in late April to mid-May;
 - (b) The written examinations will start in April with the core subject examinations to be held before the Easter break. During the Easter school holidays, some elective subjects (including the large-entry ones) will be examined;
 - (c) The examination of more than one subject will be held per day when there is no overlap of candidates. Two examination dates have been tentatively earmarked for the Design & Applied Technology, Physical Education and Music examinations, any of which could share the date set for Literature in English;
 - (d) The number of candidates who have to sit examinations for three or four consecutive days will be minimised.

Schools' participation and contribution to the consultation process are greatly appreciated.

Date of Release of Results

3. To avoid clashing with the Secondary 1 (S1) admission and the Pre-S1 Hong Kong Attainment Test on 10 & 15 July 2014 respectively and to address the concerns of the school career masters in providing adequate support and guidance to students right after the release of results, the date for release of results is tentatively scheduled for **Monday, 14 July 2014**.

Support from schools

4. To ensure the smooth conduct of the HKDSE examination in 2014, cooperation and collaborative support from all participating schools are essential. Schools are requested to take into account the following highlights of the 2014 examination timetable when planning their calendars and activities for 2013/2014:
 - (a) The written examinations of the core subjects will be held from 7 to 14 April 2014. Several elective subjects (including the large-entry ones) will be examined during the Easter school break and some teachers will be required to perform invigilation duties on school holidays.
 - (b) For the core subjects with the largest entries, some schools will have to suspend classes for up to five days so as to make available their classrooms as examination venues. In 2013, about 150 schools have given special holidays to their students for one to four days. To minimise disruption to schools, we will try to even out the period of closure for individual schools.

- (c) The Chinese Language speaking examinations will be held in the second week of March to late March 2014 while the English Language speaking examinations will be held from late April to mid May 2014.
- (d) The examination timetable for Category C subjects (Other Languages) follows that of the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE). The November 2013 series examinations will be held during mid October - late November 2013 while the examination schedule for June 2014 series will be announced as soon as the dates are fixed by CIE. Registration for the Category C November 2013 series will begin in late June 2013. Schools will be informed of the details in due course.

Provision of Examination Accommodation

- 5. Schools have been our much valued partners in examination administration over the years through their provision of invigilation staff and school premises for the conduct of examinations, which is a requirement of schools' participation in the public examinations. To cater for an increase in the number of private candidates in the 2014 Examination, we earnestly request your continued support by **reserving your school halls/classrooms for the conduct of the following examinations with the largest entries:**

Chinese Language	Monday	7 April 2014 (AM)
	Tuesday	8 April 2014 (AM)
Liberal Studies	Wednesday	9 April 2014 (AM)
English Language	Friday	11 April 2014 (AM)
	Saturday	12 April 2014 (AM)
Mathematics (Compulsory Part)	Monday	14 April 2014 (AM)

- 6. As stated in paragraph 4(c), schools are requested to take note of the accommodation requirements of the 2014 DSE speaking examinations and provide their classrooms as examination venues in March and April to May 2014.
- 7. The accommodation requirements for the 2014 Examination will be sent to schools in September 2013.
- 8. Principals are requested to draw the attention of their teachers and students concerned to the contents of this circular.

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To: Principals of Participating Schools

2014 年香港中學文憑考試
HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION 2014
考試時間表
TIMETABLE

日期 Date	Time 時間	Subject / Paper	科目 / 試卷
四月一日 (星期二) Tuesday, 1st April	8:30 - 9:45 10:30 - 12:15	Tourism and Hospitality Studies 1 Tourism and Hospitality Studies 2	旅遊與款待 (一) 旅遊與款待 (二)
四月二日 (星期三) Wednesday, 2nd April	8:30 - 12:30	Visual Arts 1, 2	視覺藝術 (一) 及 (二)
四月三日 (星期四) Thursday, 3rd April	8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 12:45	Information and Communication Technology 1 Information and Communication Technology 2	資訊及通訊科技 (一) 資訊及通訊科技 (二)
四月四日 (星期五) Friday, 4th April	8:30 - 11:00 11:45 - 12:45 8:30 - 10:10	Biology 1 Biology 2 Combined Science (Biology)	生物 (一) 生物 (二) 組合科學 (生物)
四月七日 (星期一) Monday, 7th April	8:30 - 9:45 10:30 - 12:00	Chinese Language 1 Chinese Language 2	中國語文 (一) 中國語文 (二)
四月八日 (星期二) Tuesday, 8th April	# 9:15 - 12:05*	Chinese Language 3 (LT), 5 #	中國語文 (三) (聽力測驗) 及 (五) #
四月九日 (星期三) Wednesday, 9th April	8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 12:30	Liberal Studies 1 Liberal Studies 2	通識教育 (一) 通識教育 (二)
四月十一日 (星期五) Friday, 11th April	8:30 - 10:00 11:00 - 1:00	English Language 1 English Language 2	英國語文 (一) 英國語文 (二)
四月十二日 (星期六) Saturday, 12th April	9:15 - 12:10*	English Language 3 (LT)	英國語文 (三) (聽力測驗)
四月十四日 (星期一) Monday, 14th April	8:30 - 10:45 11:30 - 12:45	Mathematics Compulsory Part 1 Mathematics Compulsory Part 2	數學 必修部分 (一) 數學 必修部分 (二)
四月十五日 (星期二) Tuesday, 15th April	8:30 - 10:15 11:00 - 12:30	History 1 History 2	歷史 (一) 歷史 (二)
四月十六日 (星期三) Wednesday, 16th April	8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 12:45 8:30 - 11:00 11:45 - 12:45 8:30 - 10:10	Integrated Science 1 Integrated Science 2 Physics 1 Physics 2 Combined Science (Physics)	綜合科學 (一) 綜合科學 (二) 物理 (一) 物理 (二) 組合科學 (物理)
四月十七日 (星期四) Thursday, 17th April	8:30 - 11:30 1:30 - 4:00 8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 1:15 8:30 - 10:00 10:45 - 12:15 8:30 - 10:45 11:30 - 12:45	Literature in English 2 Literature in English 1 Design and Applied Technology 1 (Note 2) Design and Applied Technology 2 Music 1A (Note 2) Music 1B Physical Education 1 (Note 2) Physical Education 2	英語文學 (二) 英語文學 (一) 設計與應用科技 (一) (註 2) 設計與應用科技 (二) 音樂 1A (註 2) 音樂 1B 體育 (一) (註 2) 體育 (二)
四月二十二日 (星期二) Tuesday, 22nd April	8:30 - 10:15 11:00 - 12:45	Ethics and Religious Studies 1 Ethics and Religious Studies 2	倫理與宗教 (一) 倫理與宗教 (二)
四月二十三日 (星期三) Wednesday, 23rd April	8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 1:00	Health Management and Social Care 1 Health Management and Social Care 2	健康管理與社會關懷 (一) 健康管理與社會關懷 (二)
四月二十四日 (星期四) Thursday, 24th April	8:30 - 11:00 11:45 - 12:45 8:30 - 10:10	Chemistry 1 Chemistry 2 Combined Science (Chemistry)	化學 (一) 化學 (二) 組合科學 (化學)
四月二十五日 (星期五) Friday, 25th April	8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 12:35	Chinese History 1 Chinese History 2	中國歷史 (一) 中國歷史 (二)
四月二十六日 (星期六) Saturday, 26th April	8:30 - 9:45 10:30 - 12:45	Business, Accounting and Financial Studies 1 Business, Accounting and Financial Studies 2	企業、會計與財務概論 (一) 企業、會計與財務概論 (二)
四月二十八日 (星期一) Monday, 28th April	8:30 - 9:30 10:15 - 12:30	Economics 1 Economics 2	經濟 (一) 經濟 (二)
四月二十九日 (星期二) Tuesday, 29th April	8:30 - 11:00	Mathematics Extended Part Modules 1, 2	數學 延伸部分 單元 (一) 及 (二)
四月三十日 (星期三) Wednesday, 30th April	8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 1:15	Chinese Literature 1 Chinese Literature 2	中國文學 (一) 中國文學 (二)
五月二日 (星期五) Friday, 2nd May	8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 1:15 8:30 - 10:00 10:45 - 12:15 8:30 - 10:45 11:30 - 12:45	Design and Applied Technology 1 (Note 2) Design and Applied Technology 2 Music 1A (Note 2) Music 1B Physical Education 1 (Note 2) Physical Education 2	設計與應用科技 (一) (註 2) 設計與應用科技 (二) 音樂 1A (註 2) 音樂 1B 體育 (一) (註 2) 體育 (二)
五月三日 (星期六) Saturday, 3rd May	8:30 - 11:00 11:45 - 1:00	Geography 1 Geography 2	地理 (一) 地理 (二)
五月五日 (星期一) Monday, 5th May	8:30 - 10:00 10:45 - 12:45	Technology and Living 1 Technology and Living 2	科技與生活 (一) 科技與生活 (二)
五月七日 (星期三) Wednesday, 7th May		Reserve	後備
五月八日 (星期四) Thursday, 8th May		Reserve	後備

廣東話組卷三及卷五的報到時間為上午 9 時 15 分；普通話組卷三及卷五的報到時間為上午 9 時 30 分。

Candidates taking the Cantonese version of Papers 3 and 5 should report at 9:15 a.m. while those taking the Putonghua version should report at 9:30 a.m.

* 約計聽力測驗完結時間

Approximate examination end time of listening tests

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Note:

- 2014 年 4 月 5 日(清明節)；2014 年 4 月 18 至 21 日(復活節假期)；2014 年 5 月 1 日(勞動節)；2014 年 5 月 6 日(佛誕)
5 April 2014 (Ching Ming Festival); 18 - 21 April 2014 (Easter Holidays); 1 May 2014 (Labour Day); 6 May 2014 (Buddha's Birthday)
- 設計與應用科技、體育及音樂科的考試日期，將會在報考日期完結後決定，倘沒有重複考生報考，兩個或以上科目將會被安排於同日進行考試。
The examination dates for Design & Applied Technology, Physical Education and Music will be finalised after the closing date of registration and two or more subjects will be scheduled on the same day only if there is no overlap of candidates.

注意：應考下列科目／卷別的考生應參閱其准考證上所列的考試日期和時間（報到時間）：

Note: Candidates should refer to their Admission Form for the examination date and time (reporting time) for the following Subjects / Papers:

日期 Date	Time 時間	Subject 科目 / Paper 試卷
2014 年 2 月中旬至 3 月下旬 mid February - late March 2014	8:30 - 5:30	Physical Education 3 (Practical) 體育 卷三 (實習考試)
2014 年 2 月下旬至 4 月中旬 late February - mid April 2014	9:00 - 6:00	Music 2, 5 (Practical) 音樂 卷二、五 (實習考試)
2014 年 3 月中旬至 3 月下旬 (星期一至星期五) mid March to late March 2014 (Monday to Friday)	5:00 - 8:30	Chinese Language 4 (Speaking) 中國語文 卷四 (口試)
2014 年 4 月下旬至 5 月中旬 (星期一至星期五) late April - mid May 2014 (Monday to Friday)	5:00 - 8:30	English Language 4 (Speaking) 英國語文 卷四 (口試)

**Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination 2014
Category C (Other Languages) Subjects (November 2013 Series)
Examination Timetable**

All six Category C (Other Languages) subjects will be offered in the November 2013 examination. As announced by the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), the examination timetable for the November 2013 series is as follows:

Date of Examination	Subject/Paper	Examination Time
8 October 2013 (Tuesday)	Urdu 3	1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
16 October 2013 (Wednesday)	Hindi 3	1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
17 October 2013 (Thursday)	Spanish 2	8:30 am to 10:15 am
21 October 2013 (Monday)	Urdu 2 Hindi 2	1:00 pm to 2:45 pm 1:00 pm to 2:45 pm
25 October 2013 (Friday)	Japanese 2 Spanish 3	8:30 am to 10:15 am 8:30 am to 10:00 am
29 October 2013 (Tuesday)	German 2	8:30 am to 10:15 am
30 October 2013 (Wednesday)	French 2	8:30 am to 10:15 am
6 November 2013 (Wednesday)	French 3	8:30 am to 10:00 am
7 November 2013 (Thursday)	Japanese 3	8:30 am to 10:00 am
8 November 2013 (Friday)	German 3	8:30 am to 10:00 am

The oral examinations of these subjects will be held between 15 October and 15 November 2013. The exact dates will be announced in due course.

Registration for June 2014 series will be accepted in September/October 2013. Only French and Spanish will be offered in the June series. The examination dates for these two subjects will be announced by the CIE in due course.