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To: Principals of HKDSE Participating Schools

Dear Principal,

**Briefing Sessions on 2012 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination  
and Professional Development Seminars on Public Assessment**

I write to inform you about the details of the first batch of the briefing sessions on the 2012 HKDSE Examination, which are scheduled to be held from *September to October* 2012. The briefing sessions aim to provide subject teachers with the following information: the requirements of the examinations, the marking criteria, candidates' general performance in the examinations and samples of candidates' performance. This will provide useful feedback to teachers and students regarding learning, teaching and assessment. In addition to the briefing sessions, professional development (PD) seminars on public assessment will also be conducted for some subjects. You are cordially invited to nominate suitable teachers of the subjects concerned to attend the briefing sessions and PD seminars.

**(a) Briefing sessions and PD seminars with admission tickets enclosed**

Details about the briefing sessions and PD seminars for the following subjects are given in the attached admission tickets. Due to limited seating, only one to two representatives from each school will be admitted as indicated in the table below. Participants should bring the completed admission ticket to the venue. **No prior registration is required** and there is no need to send us a reply.

Type	Subject	No of tickets provided for each session
Briefing Session on 2012 HKDSE Exam	English Language	2
	Ethics and Religious Studies (Module 1: Buddhism)	2
	Ethics and Religious Studies (Module 2: Christianity) (Two identical sessions)	2
	Health Management & Social Care	1
	Liberal Studies (Written Exam)	2
	Liberal Studies (IES)	2
	Literature in English	1
	Mathematics Compulsory Part & Extended Part	2
	Music	1
	Visual Arts (Written Exam)	2
Visual Arts (SBA)	2	
PD Seminar/ Training Session	Liberal Studies (Development of Question Papers and Marking Guidelines)	2
	Visual Arts (Markers' Training)	2

**(b) Briefing Sessions enrolled through the Training Calendar System of the Education Bureau**

Teachers can enroll for the briefing sessions on the 2012 HKDSE Examination for the following subjects through the Training Calendar System of the Education Bureau (<http://tcs.edb.gov.hk>).

Subject	Dates of the Sessions
Chinese History	Session 1: Mon 8 Oct 2012 (9:00 am – 1:30 pm) Session 2: Mon 15 Oct 2012 (9:00 am – 1:30 pm)
Design and Applied Technology	Session 1: Sat 13 Oct 2012 (9:30 am – 12:30 pm)
Economics	Session 1: Tue 16 Oct 2012 (2:00 – 5:00 pm) Session 2: Mon 22 Oct 2012 (2:00 – 5:00 pm)
History	Session 1: Sat 15 Sept 2012 (9:00 am – 12:30 pm)
Information and Communication Technology	Session 1: Thu 18 Oct 2012 (2:00 – 5:00 pm)
Physics and combined Science (Physics)	Session 1: Fri 14 Sept 2012 (9:00 am – 12:00 noon) Session 2: Wed 19 Sept 2012 (2:00 – 5:00 pm)

Information about the second round of briefing sessions for the remaining subjects and other PD seminars will be sent to schools in October 2012.

I look forward to seeing your teachers at the briefing sessions and PD seminars. If you have any questions regarding the briefing sessions and PD seminars, please contact Ms Maria Fung at 3628 8070.

Yours sincerely,



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