PRESS RELEASE

2012 HKDSE Examination Fee Schedule

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced the examination fee schedule for the first Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) today (8 April 2011).

The HKDSE is a new qualification that aligns with the new senior secondary (NSS) curriculum developed by the Curriculum Development Council under the New Academic Structure, which encourages whole-person development and life-long learning for the 21st century. A total of 60 subjects will be offered, including 24 new senior secondary subjects, 30 Applied Learning subjects and six Other Language subjects.

There are two categories of HKDSE examination fees: Language and Non-language. Language subjects will be charged at HK$540 per subject entry and non-language subjects will be charged at HK$360 per subject entry. For a typical S6 student taking six subjects, including two languages and four non-language subjects, the total examination fee is HK$2,520.

With the implementation of the HKDSE in 2012, a new senior secondary student has to sit for one public examination only. HKDSE graduates who fulfill specific requirements may apply for admission to universities or other higher education programmes, pursue further studies overseas, or enter the job market.

To cater to the requirements of the NSS curriculum, the HKEAA has invested extensive resources in examination paper setting, marking and grading, implementation of school-based assessment (SBA) as well as adopting standards-referenced reporting (SRR). Moreover, the HKEAA will extend the implementation of onscreen marking (OSM), double marking and video recording of speaking tests to ensure the reliability of the HKDSE results.
As an independent and self-financing statutory organization, the HKEAA derives its income essentially from examination fees. When setting the fee schedule, the HKEAA has not only considered the costs of developing and administering the examinations but is also mindful of the economic situation as well as the affordability of the examination to candidates and parents. The HKEAA will continue its efforts to reduce operation costs while maintaining the quality and reliability of the public examinations. All public examination related services are provided on a cost recovery basis.

To ensure that the HKDSE is accessible to all eligible students, financial assistance is provided by the Hong Kong SAR government through the examination fees remission scheme. Students who are financially in need can apply for examination fee remission from the Student Financial Assistance Agency (SFAA).

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* Remarks: Please kindly refer to the Annex for the details of the 2012 Public Examination Fee Schedule.
1. HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION

*Initial Fee $414

Subject Fee
- Languages $540
- Other subjects $360

2. HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION

*Initial Fee $435

Subject Fee
- Advanced Level $418
- Advanced Supplementary Level (Languages) $627
- Advanced Supplementary Level (Other subjects) $209

Practical Fee
- Advanced Level Biology $418
- Advanced Level Chemistry $309
- Advanced Level/Advanced Supplementary Level Physics $157

*applicable to private candidates only