PRESS RELEASE

2013 HKDSE and HKAL Examinations
Timetables and Dates for Release of Results

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced today (16 May 2012) that the written examinations of 2013 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination will be held from April to early May and the last Hong Kong Advanced Level (HKAL) Examination will begin in late March for private candidates.

The release of results of the HKDSE Examination is tentatively scheduled for 15 July 2013 (Monday) while the results of HKAL Examination will be released on 30 July 2013 (Tuesday).

The timetables of 2013 HKDSE and HKAL examinations have been endorsed by the Public Examinations Board of the HKEAA and participating schools will be informed of the arrangement today.

The written examinations of the HKDSE core subjects (Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and Liberal Studies) will be held after the Easter holidays, from 8 to 15 April 2013. Meanwhile, the HKDSE Chinese Language speaking test will be advanced to the second week of March to late March 2013 with the English Language speaking test to be held in early to mid May 2013. In order to shorten the examination period, Design & Applied Technology, Physical Education, Literature in English and Music examinations may be scheduled on the same days when there is no overlap of candidate entries.

When drawing up the 2013 examination timetables, the HKEAA has taken into consideration the needs of different stakeholders, including (i) schools and students, who need as much teaching and learning time as possible; (ii) examination personnel, who must ensure the smooth implementation of the examinations, including examination administration, marking and grading and results processing and (iii) other users of examinations results, including universities, which need the results in time for their admission process. The Authority has also reviewed the examination procedures and plans to recruit more markers to shorten the marking period and enhance its processing operations. Putting the interests of candidates high on the list of priorities, the timetables were set with the aim of meeting the demands of various parties.
The successful administration of public examinations relies on substantial support from the school sector, which provides school premises as exam venues and teachers to assist in examination administration. The HKEAA will continue to work closely with all participating schools for the administrative arrangements of the 2013 public examinations.

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Date: 16 May 2012

Annex: Composite Examination Timetable for 2013 Public Examinations
## Composite Examination Timetable for 2013

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**Note:**

1. 29 March - 1 April 2013 (Easter Holidays); 4 April 2013 (Ching Ming Festival); 1 May 2013 (Labour Day) ; 17 May 2013 (Buddha’s Birthday)

2. 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.

### Practical/Oral Examination

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