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### The HKEAA Announces Activities for 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) has announced a range of activities to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its establishment as an independent statutory body in Hong Kong. Founded in 1977 as the Hong Kong Examinations Authority, the HKEAA has administered public examinations for about 17 million candidates in the last four decades.

The series of activities, including an open day, an exhibition and seminars, have been arranged to enhance understanding of the development of the public examination system and the use of assessment to assist teaching and learning.

At the kick-off ceremony held today (17 March), guests are invited to preview a collection of archive materials of the 1978 Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) and the 1980 Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKALE), including the examination regulations and syllabuses, admission forms, certificates and clippings of news reports on the examinations.

Officiating at the ceremony, the Chairman of the HKEAA, Mr Rock Chen Chung-nin applauded the efforts of the Authority in upholding the principle of fairness and professionalism in delivering examinations and assessments in Hong Kong.

He said, 'Hong Kong has seen many changes in its education system over the years and the HKEAA has remained committed to continuous improvement and the delivery of quality examination and assessment services to meet the educational needs of Hong Kong.'

He also commented on the findings of an opinion survey conducted by the Public Opinion Programme of the University of Hong Kong (HKU POP) commissioned by the HKEAA in late 2016.

'The results in general are encouraging and our ratings from five groups of respondents are considered reasonably high scores according to HKU POP,' he said.

'When it comes to specific attributes, "fairness and impartiality" was clearly the most important component of HKEAA's corporate image across all respondent groups, and in fact we also scored best in this attribute,' he added.

Responding to the result of the interim report, Dr Tong Chong-sze, Secretary General of the HKEAA said, 'Beyond celebrating the recognition of the consistent high standards of our services, the HKEAA will continue to strengthen our efforts to cater for the needs of the community with reference to these findings.'

Also launched today is a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary website <http://40years.hkeaa.edu.hk> featuring inspirational messages from former HKEAA leaders and staff as well as a brief history and milestones of the Authority.

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