



PRESS RELEASE

HKEAA Welcomes Government's Financial Support

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) welcomes the initiative in the 2018 Policy Address to provide the HKEAA with a non-recurrent funding of HK\$360 million in four years, which helps reduce the Authority's financial pressure caused by the declining candidature of the Hong Kong Diploma of Education Examination (HKDSE) and supports the stable development of public examinations.

The income from public examinations has been adversely affected by the continuous drop in the HKDSE candidature in recent years. It is projected that deficits will be recorded in the coming years. We will study and discuss with the Government in detail how to alleviate the serious deficits resulting from the continuous decline in the number of candidates and work out a long term solution, with a view to ensuring the provision of quality and diversified examination and assessment services for the community.

Mr Samuel Yung Wing-ki, the HKEAA Chairman said, 'We are grateful for the timely financial support from the Government. It would facilitate the Authority's long-term financial planning and continuous development of the HKDSE. The Authority is committed to adhering to the principles of fiscal prudence and resource optimisation. We shall strive for maintaining the quality of the HKDSE and other examination services as well as strengthening assessment research and the promotion of assessment for learning.'

The HKEAA is a self-financing statutory organisation which derives its income mainly from examination fees without recurrent subvention from the Government. Its main function is to administer local public examinations and assessment, as well as a range of international and professional examinations in Hong Kong, serving hundreds of thousands of candidates each year to cater for different academic and professional development needs.

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