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2020 HKDSE Examination Fees Adjustment

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced that the examination fees for the 2020 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) were published in the government's gazette today (3 May 2019).

The examination fees for the 2020 HKDSE are as follows:

Subject Fee

Language subjects	HK\$670
Other subjects	HK\$448

Initial Fee (applicable to private candidates only) HK\$514

The examination fees of the 2020 HKDSE have gone up by about 4%. With an increase of HK\$26 to the examination fee for language subjects and HK\$17 to other subjects, the total examination fee for a school candidate taking six subjects, including two language and four other subjects, will be HK\$3,132 in the 2020 HKDSE.

The HKEAA Council approved the 2020 HKDSE examination fees after taking into consideration factors such as the Authority's overall financial position, the operation costs of public examinations, the local economic situation, the inflation rate, the affordability of the examination fees for candidates and parents, etc.

As a financially independent statutory organisation, the HKEAA derives its income mainly from examination fees. The income related to the HKDSE has been adversely affected by the continuous drop in candidature in recent years, while extra resources need to be allocated for the provision of special examination arrangements for candidates with special educational needs and the upgrading of various information technology systems supporting examination operations. It is projected that a deficit will be recorded for the HKDSE even after the fee increment in 2020.

The registration for Category C Other Language subjects will be open in mid-June 2019 and the registration for Categories A and B subjects will commence in September 2019.

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