Dear Principal,

Briefing Sessions on 2012 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination

Further to my letter dated 29 September 2008, I write to give you details about the briefing sessions for the second batch of HKDSE subjects, which are scheduled to be held in November 2008, for your information.

The briefing sessions aim to provide updates on the proposed arrangements for the public assessment of relevant subjects, to solicit further comments from subject teachers and to answer questions related to the 2012 HKDSE Examination. They also form a part of the professional development programme offered by the HKEAA. Training courses related to specific subjects will be provided in the coming years to prepare teachers for the HKDSE.

Details about the enrolment for the briefing sessions are given below. You are cordially invited to nominate suitable teachers of the subjects concerned to attend the briefing sessions.

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<th>Subject</th>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>Details about the briefing session for subject teachers in your school are given in the attached admission tickets. Due to limited seating, only a maximum of four representatives from each school will be admitted. <strong>Participants should bring along the completed admission tickets to the venue.</strong> There is no need to send us a reply.</td>
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<td>Liberal Studies</td>
<td>Details about the briefing sessions “Professional Development Programme - Seminar on NSS Liberal Studies Public Assessment” will be available in the Training Calendar of the Education Bureau: <a href="http://tcs.edb.gov.hk/">http://tcs.edb.gov.hk/</a> Teachers can enroll for the briefing sessions starting from mid Oct 2008. <strong>Note: These are repeat sessions of the course “Professional Development Programme - Seminar on NSS Liberal Studies Public Assessment” conducted in Aug 2008. Teachers who have attended the captioned course need not attend this session.</strong></td>
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<td>Biology</td>
<td>Details about the briefing sessions “Assessing Student Learning Series: (1) Briefing session on HKDSE Biology Public Assessment ” will be available in the Training Calendar of the Education Bureau: <a href="http://tcs.edb.gov.hk/">http://tcs.edb.gov.hk/</a> Teachers can enroll for the briefing sessions starting from late Sept 2008.</td>
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Integrated Science  
Details about the briefing sessions "Assessing Student Learning Series: (3) Public Assessment: Written examination, School-Based Assessment and Standards Reference Reporting" will be available in the Training Calendar of the Education Bureau: 
http://tcs.edb.gov.hk/ 
Teachers can enroll for the briefing sessions starting from 23 Oct 2008.

Tourism and Hospitality Studies  
Details about the briefing sessions “Briefing session on Public assessment: Written exam, School-based assessment and Standard-referenced reporting” will be available in the Training Calendar of the Education Bureau: 
http://tcs.edb.gov.hk/ 
Teachers can enroll for the briefing sessions starting from 28 Oct 2008.

Physical Education  
Details about the briefing sessions “Briefing Session on HKDSE PE Examination” will be available in the Training Calendar of the Education Bureau: 
http://tcs.edb.gov.hk/ 
Teachers can enroll for the briefing sessions starting from 27 Oct 2008.

Information about the briefing sessions to be held in December 2008 and beyond will be sent to schools in due course.

If you have any questions regarding the briefing sessions, please contact Ms Maria Fung at 3628 8070.

Yours sincerely,

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