

2014 Annual Report Highlights

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Reaching Out High and Wide

Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE)

- The 2014 HKDSE served over 78,000 candidates, including over 66,000 school candidates and about 13,000 private candidates.
- Special examination arrangements were made for around 1,600 candidates with special educational needs.
- Around 1.08 million HKDSE scripts were scanned and marked onscreen.
- The first batch of recommendations on the medium-term review of Senior Secondary Curriculum and Assessment was endorsed by the Curriculum Development Council (CDC) and the HKEAA Public Examinations Board (PEB) in early April 2014.

Statistics for 2014 HKDSE

No. of candidates entered	79,572
- school candidates	66,576
- private candidates	12,996
No. of candidates sat	78,400
No. of exam centres (written exams)	403*H 2,269*C
No. of invigilator-sessions (written exams)	16,246
No. of markers/marketing assistants (written exams)	5,144

*H: Halls

*C: Classroom

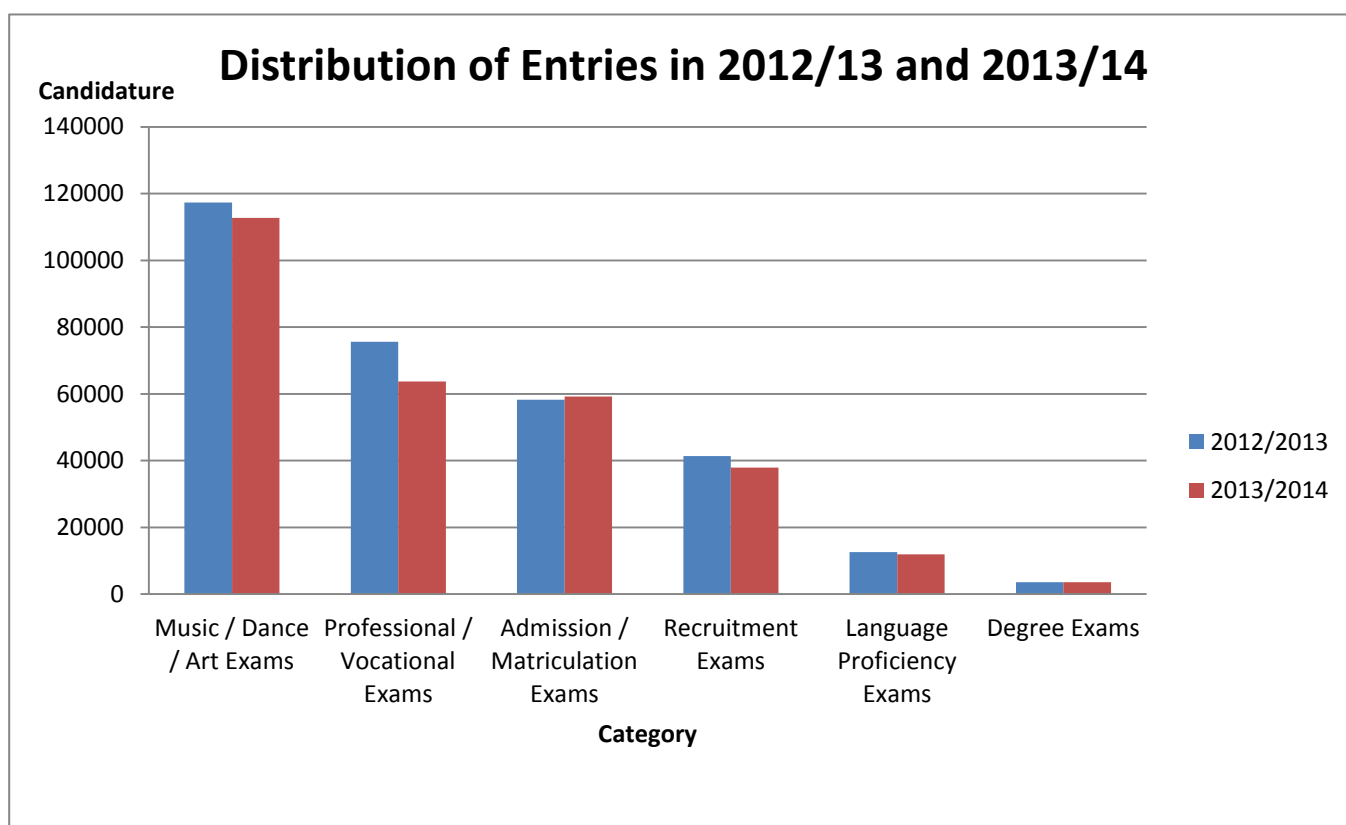
- By the end of 2014, around 200 overseas colleges and universities acknowledged their acceptance of the HKDSE as a qualification for admission.
- In 2015/16, 78 Mainland higher education institutions exempted HKDSE holders from taking the Joint Entrance Examination for Universities in the PRC (JEE). Universities in Taiwan continued to accept HKDSE holders' applications for admission.

Examination and Assessment Services

- 2014 Language Proficiency Assessment for Teachers (LPAT): a total of 1,631 candidates sat the English Language papers, while 2,306 candidates sat the Putonghua papers.
- 2014 Territory-wide System Assessment (TSA): about 106,000 P.3 and S.3 students took part in the TSA.
- An opt-in alternate-year arrangement was adopted in 2014 for the P.6 TSA with voluntary participation by about 4,000 students from 47 schools.

International and Professional Examinations

- About 290,000 candidates attended a wide range of international and professional examinations in 2013/14. The candidature was down 6% on the previous year, probably due to the declining student population.
- In 2014, we administered over 200 international and professional examinations in collaboration with different government departments and over 120 examination boards, colleges, universities and professional bodies all over the world.



Safeguarding Quality

- According to the results of external vetting of examination papers, the marking and grading standards of the HKDSE were fairly well aligned with those of the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) A Level.
- The ISO 9001 external surveillance audit was successfully completed with no nonconformity, written observations or written suggestions raised by the independent certification body.
- Over 200 schools enrolled in the Assessment Quality-assurance Platform (AQP).
- A record high of 42 primary and secondary schools received accreditation in 2014 Quality Assessment Management Accreditation Scheme (QAMAS).

Corporate Services

- A comprehensive review on our Long Term Funding Model, Manpower Model, Employee Remuneration and Grading Structure was conducted by two independent consulting firms. The majority of the recommendations put forward in the Phase One review were adopted.
- Over 9,500 hours of comprehensive and diversified training were offered to staff in 2014.
- More than 245,000 kilograms of printed materials and used papers were recycled. We also participated in various corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities.

2014 Financial Highlights

Total Income for the year	HK\$468,786,560
Total Expenditure for the year	HK\$461,414,376
Surplus for the year	HK\$7,372,184
Reserve Balance (as at 31 August 2014)	HK\$237,249,069

Awards

- For the very first time, the HKEAA received the runner-up of The Ombudsman's Awards 2014 for Public Organisations. Our staff also received the individual Ombudsman's Awards for Officers of Public Organisations.
- The HKEAA corporate website received a Gold Award at the second Government Web

Accessibility Recognition Scheme.

Connecting to the Community

- In 2014, we organised training sessions, seminars, open days and a variety of activities for stakeholders.
- In 2014, we received a number of delegations of various organisations from Mainland China, Singapore, the United Kingdom and Ireland.
- The Public Examinations Information Centre (PEIC) handled roughly 88,800 telephone calls, over 6,120 emails and faxes, and around 5,160 e-forms in 2014.

Moving Forward

- Following another round of consultation on New Academic Structure (NAS) Medium-term Review and Beyond launched in November 2014, we are expecting the announcement of the last batch of recommendations by July 2015.
- Two new on-campus assessment centres, Che Kung Temple Assessment Centre and Shek Kip Mei Assessment Centre, will be opened for onscreen marking of 2015 HKDSE and TSA.
- The refresh project of the seven-year-old onscreen marking system will start in 2015.
- Research findings on special examination arrangements will be available by mid-2015.

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