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To: Principals of HKDSE Participating Schools

Dear Principal,

HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION 2018 Assessment Frameworks

The last batch of recommendations of the New Academic Structure (NAS) Medium-term Review have recently been endorsed by the Curriculum Development Council (CDC) and the HKEAA Public Examinations Board (PEB) for implementation in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE).

Changes to the HKDSE (including Categories A, B and C subjects) and their year of implementation are provided in Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 106/2015 (http://applications.edb.gov.hk/circular/upload/EDBCM/EDBCM15106E.pdf).

Schools may also refer to the following documents published by the Education Bureau (EDB) regarding changes to the curriculum and assessment as well as other information related to the NAS Review:

- New Academic Structure Review designated webpage (http://334.edb.hkedcity.net/EN/334_review.php)
- EDB Press release dated 29 June 2015 (http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201506/29/P201506290567.htm)

There are altogether 8 Category A subjects with changes in the Assessment Frameworks for the 2018 HKDSE, namely: Chinese Language, Chinese History, Geography, History, Information and Communication Technology, Music, Physical Education and Visual Arts. The assessment frameworks of the other Category A subjects will remain the same as those of 2017. A complete set of the 2018 HKDSE Assessment Frameworks of Category A subjects is now available on the HKEAA website (http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/assessment_framework/). The Assessment Frameworks for the 2019 HKDSE will be available by mid-2016.



School principals are requested to bring the attention of all staff and students concerned to the changes in the Assessment Frameworks of the HKDSE. For enquiries, please contact Ms Maria Fung at 3628 8070.

Yours sincerely,

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