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**HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION 2014**  
**Examination Circular No. (8) 2013/2014**  
**2015 Examination Timetable and Date of Release of Results**

1. This circular is to inform schools of the 2015 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) examination schedule for Category A subjects (*Annex I*) and the tentative date of release of results, and to seek schools' support and co-operation to ensure the smooth conduct of the examinations.
2. In drawing up the 2015 HKDSE examination schedule, consideration has been given to the school holidays for the academic year 2014/15, the subject combination statistics for the 2013 and 2014 examinations as well as the general pattern of the 2014 examination. Consultations have also been made with the school councils and school representatives on the Advisory Committee on Public Examinations Administration of the HKEAA (Advisory Committee). Members of the Advisory Committee generally supported the examination schedule.
3. The main features of the 2015 examination timetable are as follows:
  - (a) As the 2015 Easter school holidays will generally fall between 2 and 10 April, it will not be possible to have the core subjects examined after the Easter break without deferring the date of release of results to after 15 July. Hence, the core subject examinations will be split into two periods: Chinese Language and Liberal Studies examinations from 30 March to 1 April and English Language and Mathematics Compulsory Part examinations from 13 to 15 April. No examination is scheduled immediately after the two periods of core subject examinations.
  - (b) The Chinese Language speaking examinations will be held from the second week of March to late March with the English Language speaking examinations in late April to mid-May.
  - (c) For the core subjects with the largest entries, some schools will have to suspend classes so as to provide their classrooms as examination venues. As the four core subject examinations including the listening tests of the two language subjects will be held on weekdays, the maximum period of possible class suspension will be increased from five to six days.
  - (d) For elective subjects, those with an SBA component or options requiring equating will be examined earlier. Subjects not implementing SBA will be examined later. Science and humanities subjects are scheduled alternately, with a view to minimising the number of candidates who have to sit examinations on three or four consecutive days.
  - (e) Some smaller-entry elective subjects will be examined during the Easter break and on two days overlapping with the English Language speaking examinations but candidates will not be allocated to sit two examinations on the same day.
  - (f) Two examination dates have been tentatively earmarked for Design & Applied Technology, Physical Education and Music examinations. Two or more of these subjects will be scheduled on the same day only if there is no overlap of candidates.
4. The examination timetable for Category C (Other Languages) subjects for the November 2014 and June 2015 series is subject to confirmation by Cambridge International Examinations (CIE). The examination dates will be announced as soon as the information becomes available.

### Dates of Release of Results

5. To cater to the needs and expectations of various stakeholders, the date for the release of results is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, 15 July 2015** (for Categories A and B subjects). The results release dates for Category C subjects for the November and June series will be announced in due course.

### Support from schools

6. To ensure the smooth conduct of the HKDSE examination in 2015, the cooperation and collaborative support from all participating schools is indispensable. Schools are requested to take into account the highlights of the 2015 examination timetable *in paragraph 3 above* when planning their calendars and activities for 2014/2015.
7. Over the years, schools have been our important partners in examination administration through their provision of invigilation staff and school premises for the conduct of examinations, which is a requirement of schools' participation in the public examinations. In 2014, we encountered much difficulty in securing sufficient examination centres for both written and speaking examinations. As a result, some of your candidates have to be allocated to examination centres in districts other than their choice of district. For the benefit of your candidates, we earnestly request your continued support by **reserving your school halls/classrooms for the conduct of the following examinations with the largest entries:**

Written examinations	Chinese Language	Monday, 30 March 2015 (AM)
		Tuesday, 31 March 2015 (AM)
	Liberal Studies	Wednesday, 1 April 2015 (AM)
	English Language	Monday, 13 April 2015 (AM)
		Tuesday, 14 April 2015 (AM)
	Mathematics Compulsory Part	Wednesday, 15 April 2015 (AM)
Speaking examinations	Chinese Language	12 March – 25 March 2015 (tentative) (5:00 pm – 8:30 pm)
	English Language	29 April – 13 May 2015 (tentative) (5:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

8. The accommodation requirements for the 2015 Examination will be sent to schools in September 2014.
9. Principals are requested to draw the attention of their teachers and students concerned to the contents of this circular.

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To: Principals of Participating Schools

**2015 年香港中學文憑考試**  
**HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION 2015**  
**考試時間表**  
**TIMETABLE**

附件一  
Annex 1

日期 Date	時間 Time	Subject / Paper	科目/試卷
三月三十日 (星期一) Monday, 30th March	8:30 - 9:45 10:30 - 12:00	Chinese Language 1 Chinese Language 2	中國語文 (一) 中國語文 (二)
三月三十一日 (星期二) Tuesday, 31st March	# 9:15 - 12:05*	Chinese Language 3 (Listening), 5 (Integrated Skills) #	中國語文 (三) (聆聽) 及 (五) (綜合能力) #
四月一日 (星期三) Wednesday, 1st April	8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 12:30	Liberal Studies 1 Liberal Studies 2	通識教育 (一) 通識教育 (二)
四月七日 (星期二) Tuesday, 7th April	8:30 - 10:00 10:45 - 12:45	Technology and Living 1 Technology and Living 2	科技與生活 (一) 科技與生活 (二)
四月八日 (星期三) Wednesday, 8th April	8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 13:00	Health Management and Social Care 1 Health Management and Social Care 2	健康管理與社會關懷 (一) 健康管理與社會關懷 (二)
四月九日 (星期四) Thursday, 9th April	8:30 - 12:30	Visual Arts 1, 2	視覺藝術 (一) 及 (二)
四月十日 (星期五) Friday, 10th April	8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 13:15	Chinese Literature 1 Chinese Literature 2	中國文學 (一) 中國文學 (二)
四月十一日 (星期六) Saturday, 11th April	8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 12:45	Information and Communication Technology 1 Information and Communication Technology 2	資訊及通訊科技 (一) 資訊及通訊科技 (二)
四月十三日 (星期一) Monday, 13th April	8:30 - 10:00 11:00 - 13:00	English Language 1 English Language 2	英國語文 (一) 英國語文 (二)
四月十四日 (星期二) Tuesday, 14th April	9:15 - 12:10*	English Language 3 (Listening & Integrated Skills)	英國語文 (三) (聆聽及綜合能力)
四月十五日 (星期三) Wednesday, 15th April	8:30 - 10:45 11:30 - 12:45	Mathematics Compulsory Part 1 Mathematics Compulsory Part 2	數學 必修部分 (一) 數學 必修部分 (二)
四月十七日 (星期五) Friday, 17th April	8:30 - 11:00 11:45 - 12:45	Chemistry 1 Chemistry 2	化學 (一) 化學 (二)
四月十八日 (星期六) Saturday, 18th April	8:30 - 10:10	Combined Science (Chemistry)	組合科學 (化學)
四月二十日 (星期一) Monday, 20th April	8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 12:45	Chinese History 1 Chinese History 2	中國歷史 (一) 中國歷史 (二)
四月二十一日 (星期二) Tuesday, 21st April	8:30 - 10:30 11:00 - 12:30	Integrated Science 1 Integrated Science 2	綜合科學 (一) 綜合科學 (二)
四月二十二日 (星期三) Wednesday, 22nd April	8:30 - 11:00 11:45 - 12:45	Physics 1 Physics 2	物理 (一) 物理 (二)
四月二十三日 (星期四) Thursday, 23rd April	8:30 - 10:10	Combined Science (Physics)	組合科學 (物理)
四月二十四日 (星期五) Friday, 24th April	8:30 - 10:15 11:00 - 12:30	History 1 History 2	歷史 (一) 歷史 (二)
四月二十五日 (星期六) Saturday, 25th April	8:30 - 11:00 11:45 - 12:45	Biology 1 Biology 2	生物 (一) 生物 (二)
四月二十六日 (星期日) Sunday, 26th April	8:30 - 10:10	Combined Science (Biology)	組合科學 (生物)
四月二十七日 (星期一) Monday, 27th April	8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 13:15	Design and Applied Technology 1 (Note 2) Design and Applied Technology 2	設計與應用科技 (一) (註 2) 設計與應用科技 (二)
四月二十八日 (星期二) Tuesday, 28th April	8:30 - 10:00 10:45 - 12:15	Music 1A (Note 2) Music 1B	音樂 1A (註 2) 音樂 1B
四月二十九日 (星期三) Wednesday, 29th April	8:30 - 10:45 11:30 - 12:45	Physical Education 1 (Note 2) Physical Education 2	體育 (一) (註 2) 體育 (二)
四月三十日 (星期四) Thursday, 30th April	8:30 - 9:45 10:30 - 12:45	Business, Accounting and Financial Studies 1 Business, Accounting and Financial Studies 2	企業、會計與財務概論 (一) 企業、會計與財務概論 (二)
五月一日 (星期五) Friday, 1st May	8:30 - 10:15 11:00 - 12:45	Ethics and Religious Studies 1 Ethics and Religious Studies 2	倫理與宗教 (一) 倫理與宗教 (二)
五月二日 (星期六) Saturday, 2nd May	8:30 - 11:00 11:45 - 13:00	Geography 1 Geography 2	地理 (一) 地理 (二)
五月三日 (星期日) Sunday, 3rd May	8:30 - 11:00	Mathematics Extended Part Modules 1, 2	數學 延伸部分 單元 (一) 及 (二)
五月四日 (星期一) Monday, 4th May	8:30 - 9:45 10:30 - 12:15	Tourism and Hospitality Studies 1 Tourism and Hospitality Studies 2	旅遊與款待 (一) 旅遊與款待 (二)
五月五日 (星期二) Tuesday, 5th May	8:30 - 11:30 13:30 - 16:00	Literature in English 2 Literature in English 1	英語文學 (二) 英語文學 (一)
五月六日 (星期三) Wednesday, 6th May	8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 13:15	Design and Applied Technology 1 (Note 2) Design and Applied Technology 2	設計與應用科技 (一) (註 2) 設計與應用科技 (二)
五月七日 (星期四) Thursday, 7th May	8:30 - 10:00 10:45 - 12:15	Music 1A (Note 2) Music 1B	音樂 1A (註 2) 音樂 1B
五月八日 (星期五) Friday, 8th May	8:30 - 10:45 11:30 - 12:45	Physical Education 1 (Note 2) Physical Education 2	體育 (一) (註 2) 體育 (二)
五月九日 (星期六) Saturday, 9th May	8:30 - 9:30 10:15 - 12:30	Economics 1 Economics 2	經濟 (一) 經濟 (二)
五月十日 (星期日) Sunday, 10th May		Reserve	後備
五月十一日 (星期一) Monday, 11th May		Reserve	後備

# 廣東話組卷三及卷五的報到時間為上午 9 時 15 分；普通話組卷三及卷五的報到時間為上午 9 時 30 分。

Candidates taking the Cantonese version of Papers 3 and 5 should report at 9:15 a.m. while those taking the Putonghua version should report at 9:30 a.m.

\* 約計聆聽及綜合能力考試完結時間

Approximate examination end time of the Listening & Integrated Skills papers

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Note:

- 2015 年 4 月 3 至 6 日(復活節假期)；2015 年 4 月 4 日(清明節)；2015 年 5 月 1 日(勞動節)；2015 年 5 月 25 日(佛誕)  
3 - 6 April 2015 (Easter Holidays); 4 April 2015 (Ching Ming Festival); 1 May 2015 (Labour Day); 25 May 2015 (Buddha's Birthday)
- 設計與應用科技、體育及音樂科的考試日期，將會在報考日期完結後決定，倘沒有重覆考生報考，兩個或以上科目將會被安排於同日進行考試。  
The examination dates for Design & Applied Technology, Physical Education and Music will be finalised after the closing date of registration and two or more subjects will be scheduled on the same day only if there is no overlap of candidates.
- 2015 年考試時間表將有待政府在憲報公布來年的公眾假期後才正式落實。  
The 2015 examination schedule is subject to the announcement of the gazetted general holidays in 2015.

注意：應考下列科目／卷別的考生應參閱其准考證上所列的考試日期和時間（報到時間）：

Note: Candidates should refer to their Admission Form for the examination date and time (reporting time) for the following Subjects / Papers:

日期 Date	時間 Time	Subject 科目 / Paper 試卷
2015年2月中旬至3月下旬 mid February – late March 2015	8:00 - 5:30	Physical Education 3 (Practical) 體育 卷三（實習考試）
2015年2月下旬至4月中旬 late February – mid April 2015	9:00 - 6:00	Music 2, 4B (Practical) 音樂 卷二、四乙（實習考試）
2015年3月12日至3月25日（星期一至星期五） 12 March to 25 March 2015 (Monday to Friday)	5:00 - 8:30	Chinese Language 4 (Speaking) 中國語文 卷四（口試）
2015年4月29日至5月13日（星期一至星期五） 29 April – 13 May 2015 (Monday to Friday)	5:00 - 8:30	English Language 4 (Speaking) 英國語文 卷四（口試）