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To: Principals of HKDSE Participating Schools

Dear Principal,

**Briefing Sessions on 2013 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination
and Professional Development Programmes on Public Assessment**

I write to inform you about the details of the briefing sessions on the 2013 HKDSE Examination and professional development (PD) programmes, which are scheduled to be held from late October to December 2013. The briefing sessions aim to provide subject teachers with the following information: the requirements of the examinations, the marking criteria, candidates' general performance in the examinations and samples of candidates' performance. This will provide useful feedback to teachers and students regarding learning, teaching and assessment. In addition to the briefing sessions, professional development programmes on public assessment will also be conducted for some subjects. You are cordially invited to nominate suitable teachers of the subjects concerned to attend the briefing sessions and PD programmes.

(a) Briefing sessions and PD programmes with admission tickets enclosed

Details about the briefing sessions and PD programmes for the following subjects are given in the attached admission tickets. Due to limited seating, only one to two representatives from each school will be admitted as indicated in the table below. Participants should bring the completed admission ticket to the venue. **No prior registration is required** and there is no need to send us a reply.

Type	Subject		No of ticket(s) provided for each session
Briefing Sessions	Chinese Language	Papers 1, 2 & 3	2
		Papers 4 & 5	2
	Chinese Literature		2
	Ethics and Religious Studies (Ethics and Buddhism)		2
	Ethics and Religious Studies (Ethics and Christianity)		2
	Music		2
	Visual Arts		2
PD Programmes	Literature in English	Workshop on Portfolio Paper and SBA	1
		Workshop on Appreciation Paper	1

(b) Briefing Sessions and PD Programmes enrolled through the Training Calendar System of the Education Bureau

Teachers can enroll for the briefing sessions on the 2013 HKDSE Examination and PD programmes for the following subjects through the Training Calendar System of the Education Bureau (<http://tcs.edb.gov.hk>).

Type	Subject	Date(s) of the Session(s)
Briefing Sessions	Biology & Combined Science (Biology)	Session 1: Wed 20 Nov 2013 (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm) Session 2: Fri 29 Nov 2013 (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm)
	Chemistry & Combined Science (Chemistry)	Session 1: Mon 25 Nov 2013 (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm) Session 2: Tue 26 Nov 2013 (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm)
	Geography	Session 1: Wed 27 Nov 2013 (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm) Session 2: Thu 28 Nov 2013 (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm)
	Health Management and Social Care	Session 1: Tue 22 Oct 2013 (2:30 pm – 4:30 pm) Session 2: Fri 25 Oct 2013 (2:30 pm – 4:30 pm)
	History	Fri 15 Nov 2013 (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm)
	Information and Communication Technology	Session 1: Fri 22 Nov 2013 (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm) Session 2: Sat 23 Nov 2013 (9:30 am – 12:30 pm)
	Integrated Science	Wed 6 Nov 2013 (2:30 pm – 5:30 pm)
	Physical Education	Sat 23 Nov 2013 (9:30 am – 12:30 pm)
	Tourism and Hospitality Studies	Mon 11 Nov 2013 (2:15 pm – 5:00 pm)
PD Programmes	History (Assessment in HKDSE History (<i>Re-run</i>))	Session 1: Mon 4 Nov 2013 (9:30 am – 5:00 pm) Session 2: Tue 5 Nov 2013 (9:30 am – 5:00 pm)
	Integrated Science (Setting Quality Assessment Tasks to Enhance Learning and Teaching (<i>New</i>))	Tue 17 Dec 2013 (2:30 pm – 5:30 pm)
	Visual Arts (SS Assessment for Learning: From Art Appreciation and Criticism to Art Making (<i>New</i>))	Session 1: Sat 16 Nov 2013 (9:30 am – 12:30 pm) Session 2: Sat 16 Nov 2013 (2:30 pm – 5:00 pm)

I look forward to seeing your teachers at the briefing sessions and PD seminars. If you have any questions regarding the briefing sessions and PD programmes, please contact Ms Maria Fung at 3628 8070.

Yours sincerely,



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