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To: Private Candidates of the 2023 HKDSE

Dear Candidate,

**Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination 2023**  
**Release of Examination Results and Application for Rechecking/Remarking of Results**

**Release of Results for Categories A and B Subjects**

1. Enclosed is your Results Notice (RN) for the 2023 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE). You can use the same login password for registration to view your results from the Results Dissemination System of the HKDSE Examination Online Services (Online Services) at <https://www.hkdse.hkeaa.edu.hk> from **7:00 am on 19 July 2023 (Wednesday) till 31 August 2023 (Thursday)**. If you forget your login password, you may click the 'Forgot Login Password' button on the login page of the HKDSE Examination Online Services. The system will then send a new login password to your designated email address. You should contact the Public Examinations Information Centre (PEIC) (Telephone No. 3628 8860) if you do not receive the email.

The Authority will also use SMS to send out the examination results and rechecking and remarking results to both school and private candidates who have provided their SMS phone numbers as an optional service and a back-up in case of contingency. Candidates choosing this service will receive text messages of their examination results and rechecking and remarking results **starting from 9:00 am on 19 July and 16 August 2023 respectively (only applicable to candidates who have applied for rechecking and/or remarking)**.

2. **The results of the HKDSE are reported in the following manner:**

- (i) Standards-referenced reporting is adopted for Category A subjects. Candidates' performance in each subject is reported with reference to a set of level descriptors for that subject. Results will be reported in five levels (1-5), with Level 1 being the lowest and Level 5 the highest. Achievements below Level 1 will be designated as 'unclassified' (UNCL). To give recognition to outstanding candidates, top candidates within Level 5 will be awarded Level 5\* and Level 5\*\* as appropriate.
- (ii) For the subjects of Chinese Language, English Language and Combined Science, the component results<sup>#</sup> will also be printed on the examination certificate if the candidate has sat the examination and obtained a subject result of Level 1 or above. The subject of Mathematics comprises two parts: the Compulsory Part and the Extended Part. Candidates may choose to take the Compulsory Part only or the Compulsory Part plus one of the modules of the Extended Part. Candidates' results in the Compulsory Part and the Extended Part are reported separately.

***# Note: Due to the cancellation of the speaking examination of the Chinese Language in the 2023 HKDSE, special attention should be paid to the adjusted weightings of the relevant components as follows:***

*The Speaking component of Chinese Language will not be reported and the results of the other three components will be calculated according to the adjusted weightings, i.e. Reading: 32%, Writing: 32% and Listening & Integrated Skills (with School-based Assessment (SBA)): 36%. However, as private candidates are not required to complete SBA of the subject, their subject marks will be based entirely on their public examination results. For details of the revised assessment framework of the Chinese language subject in the 2023 HKDSE, please refer to [http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/assessment\\_framework/](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/assessment_framework/).*

- (iii) For Category B (ApL) subjects, assessment is undertaken by the course providers. After moderation by the HKEAA, the final results will be recorded on the HKDSE certificate.

Candidates' assessment results in ApL subjects (except ApL Chinese) will be reported in three levels, i.e. 'Attained', 'Attained with Distinction (I)' and 'Attained with Distinction (II)'. For ApL Chinese, two levels of results will be reported, i.e. 'Attained' and 'Attained with Distinction'.

- (iv) Certificates will not be issued to candidates who were absent from all subjects in the 2023 HKDSE or who obtained unclassified/unattained/ungraded results in all subjects.
3. Private candidates who are awarded levels or grades in any subjects will receive a certificate, which will be sent to them by registered mail by the end of October this year. Candidates who have not received their certificates by 31 October 2023 may enquire with the PEIC. To avoid non-delivery of the certificates, candidates should login to the Registration System to update their correspondence address before 31 August 2023. After the aforesaid date, candidates are required to inform the Authority in writing as soon as possible if they wish to update their correspondence address.

### **Applications for Rechecking and Remarking**

4. **Candidates may apply for rechecking and/or remarking for up to a total of four subjects in Categories A, B or C (November 2022 series) subjects.**

- (i) For Category A subjects, applications for remarking are processed on a subject basis only except for Chinese Language, English Language and Combined Science which may be made on a subject or component basis. For applications on a component basis in any of these three subjects, the other components of that subject will also be rechecked for technical errors. Remarking for one or more components of a subject is counted as one subject. For Mathematics, applications can be made for remarking either the Compulsory Part or Extended Part, or both (if applicable), as a single subject.

***Note: Remarking of English Language on a subject basis includes the written papers only. Applications for remarking of the video-recorded speaking component have to be made separately. Remarking of Chinese Language on a subject basis includes the written papers only as the Speaking examination for the 2023 HKDSE has been cancelled.***

- (ii) Remarking is applicable to projects and portfolios submitted by candidates where marking was done by the HKEAA, i.e. Music Papers 3, 4A and 4C, and the portfolio submitted by private candidates for Visual Arts.
- (iii) Remarking is not available to Category B subjects, School-based Assessment components, multiple-choice papers/sections and practical papers of Category A subjects.

5. Requests for rechecking and/or remarking for more than four subjects will only be considered if there are extenuating circumstances and are supported by documentary evidence. Such requests must be submitted in writing to the HKEAA within the stipulated application period. Candidates are advised to prioritise their choices in order to submit the first four subjects for rechecking and/or remarking via the Rechecking and Remarking Application (RRA) System within the application period. The additional subject(s) for rechecking and/or remarking under application with full justifications will be considered by the HKEAA separately.

6. Applications for rechecking and/or remarking from private candidates may be accepted provided that they are submitted in accordance with the following procedures:

- (i) For Categories A and B subjects, applications must be submitted via the RRA System at the Online Services (<https://www.hkdse.hkeaa.edu.hk>) **between 19 and 24 July 2023**. Postal applications are **NOT** accepted. An acknowledgement email with the application details will be sent to your designated email address after the application is successfully submitted. The User Guide and Online Demonstration for the Rechecking and Remarking System have been uploaded to the Online Services.

***Note: If you need to update your email address, please submit the amendments via Application Details of the RRA System directly.***

- (ii) You may choose to pay the application fees online by credit card (VISA/MasterCard) or download a demand note to settle the payment at any **7-Eleven** or **Circle-K Convenience Stores** in Hong Kong by

the specified deadline. The application fees should be paid **within 2 calendar days** after the submission of application. **If the deadline for payment falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it will be automatically deferred to next Monday.** If you choose to pay the fees online by credit card, the System will connect you to the Credit Card system instantly after your application is submitted. Should candidates fail to pay before the deadline, their applications will be accepted subject to a late payment fee of \$284 in addition to the application fees, which must be settled in full by credit card, EPS, Octopus (the ceiling of each transaction is HK\$3,000), Alipay, WeChat Pay or Faster Payment System (FPS) at the HKEAA Southorn Centre office **on or before 5:30 pm, 27 July 2023**; otherwise their applications will not be processed.

7. For candidates with substantiated financial difficulties and receiving financial aid, the HKEAA may consider waiving part of the rechecking/remarking fees on a case by case basis. The application form for fee waiver is available for download from the main page ‘Application for Rechecking and Remarking (Private Candidate)’ of the Online Services. Duly completed application forms together with supporting documents should be submitted to the Authority’s office at **12/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong** within the application period for rechecking/remarking (Saturday and Sunday excluded).

***Note:** Candidates applying for fee waiver are required to settle the full amount of the rechecking and remarking fees by the specified deadline as printed on their demand notes, otherwise their applications will not be processed. If the application for fee waiver is subsequently approved, refund of the fees will be made in mid-September 2023.*

8. Requests for addition/substitution/deletion of subjects/components in respect of applications already submitted will normally **not** be accepted except under special circumstances, which are subject to the approval of the HKEAA and the payment of supplementary fees (see *paragraph 9*).
9. The relevant fees for rechecking and/or remarking are as follows:

<b><u>Remarking</u></b>	<b><u>Fees (HK\$)</u></b>
Combined Science per component	\$570
Non Language Subject	\$947
Language Subject per subject ( <b>excluding Speaking</b> )	\$1,137
Language Subject per component ( <b>excluding Speaking</b> )	\$454
English Language Speaking Component	\$911

<b><u>Rechecking</u></b>	<b><u>Fees (HK\$)</u></b>
Non Language Subject	\$237
Language Subject	\$285

\* If the total fees calculated on a component basis for a certain subject exceed the fee for remarking the whole subject, then the fee for remarking the whole subject will be charged.

### **Supplementary fees**

<b>Types of Requests</b>	<b>Deadline/Period</b>	<b>Fees (HK\$)</b>
Late payment	On or before 27 July 2023	\$284
Late application	Between 25 July and 26 July 2023	\$654
Amendment after submission	Between 25 July and 26 July 2023	\$654
Withdrawal of application	On or before 24 July 2023	Refund the balance (if any) after deducting an administration fee of \$498.
	After 24 July 2023	No refund

For candidates whose subject results have been upgraded after the rechecking or remarking process, the JUPAS Office and relevant institutions will be notified of the upgraded results of the candidates concerned at the same time. Those candidates should follow the relevant instructions concerning their applications for admission to tertiary institutions.

10. The results of **rechecking and remarking for Categories A and B subjects** are tentatively scheduled to be released on **Wednesday, 16 August 2023**. Private candidates may view their rechecking and remarking results through the Online Services (by using the same login password for viewing their examination results) **online from 8:30 am on 16 August 2023 (Wednesday) till 31 August 2023 (Thursday) or receive the results from 9:00 am via SMS (applicable to those who have selected this service) from 9:00 am on 16 August 2023 (Wednesday)**.

**Notes:** (i) *The notification letter on rechecking/remarking results will be mailed to private candidate's designated correspondence address. To update the correspondence address, please login the Registration System to make the amendments on or before 5:00 pm on Wednesday, 9 August 2023. After the aforesaid date, candidates are required to inform the Authority in writing as soon as possible if they wish to update their correspondence address.*

(ii) *The refund arrangements for candidates with upgraded results are given in the Explanatory Notes to Candidates which will be sent out together with the notification letter.*

### Applications for Appeal Review

11. The Authority has established an independent Appeal Review Committee to provide a mechanism to review the decisions of the Public Examinations Board on examination irregularities, the process of rechecking and remarking, and the marking of scripts after access to scripts via Data Access Request. Details are given in 'Part F Examination Results' of the Handbook for Candidates.

Please note that all appeal review applications should be submitted in writing within the specific timeframe as follows:

Type of Appeal Review	Application closing date
Examination irregularities	24 July 2023
Process of rechecking and remarking	21 August 2023
Marking of scripts	10 calendar days after the scripts are made available to the candidates

### Support for Candidates

12. On the results release day, the HKEAA will provide support services to candidates via the PEIC and the HKEAA Southorn Centre office enquiry counter with the following operating hours:

Date	Public Examinations Information Centre (PEIC) (Enquiry Hotline: 3628 8860) (Email: dse@hkeaa.edu.hk)	HKEAA Southorn Centre office Enquiry Counter
19 July 2023 (Wednesday)	7:30 am – 5:30 pm	

### Data Access Request under Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance

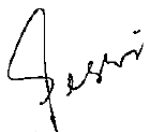
13. Pursuant to the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (PDPO), candidates may apply to access their examination-related personal data. Please note the following **new arrangements** for the Data Access Request (DAR):

Starting from the 2023 HKDSE, the requested personal data will cease to be provided in hardcopy while an email containing a password and a link for downloading a folder of the requested personal data of the Data Subjects will be issued to the applicant instead. The application guide on DAR for the 2023 HKDSE is available on the HKEAA website: [www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/our\\_services/personal\\_data/](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/our_services/personal_data/). Candidates should

observe the date for the destruction of examination scripts and irregularity reports of the 2023 HKDSE, i.e. **9 September 2023**. DAR applicants must download the requested personal data (including the marking records and the examination scripts) **on or before 30 November 2023**. The data concerned will be destroyed thereafter and requests for refund will **NOT** be entertained.

14. In case of enquiries, you may contact our PEIC at 3628 8860.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bessie Leung', written in a cursive style.

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