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### The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority to recruit Secretary General

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced today (17 August 2020) that it will conduct a recruitment exercise to fill the post of the Secretary General (SG) upon the departure of the incumbent SG, Dr So Kwok-sang, whose tenure will end in March 2021.

Mr Samuel Yung Wing-ki, the Chairman of the HKEAA, commended Dr So on his significant contribution to the development of the Authority, in particular in promoting assessment for learning and the use of assessment data analytics to inform teaching and learning.

‘On behalf of the Council, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr So for his leadership in the smooth delivery of the 2020 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE). Encouraged by the unwavering support of the Education Bureau and the school community, Dr So has worked tirelessly with dedicated HKEAA staff to ensure the safety of candidates, examinations personnel and the wider community during the examinations. The HKEAA is also among the first examination boards in the world that have successfully organised large scale public examinations during the COVID-19 pandemic,’ said Mr Yung.

Dr So, who joined the HKEAA in 2017 said, ‘It has been a great honor and privilege to serve the HKEAA. After dedicating three decades of my career to education in Hong Kong, the time has come for me to spend more time on my personal vision and to serve the community in other capacity.’

‘I am thankful to Chairman Yung and all members of the Council for their trust and confidence. Over the past three years, the Council has been very supportive and has given the HKEAA resources to raise its capability in assessment research and providing feedback to schools and teachers in order to enhance teaching and learning. I am sure the HKEAA will continue the momentum in serving the educational needs of the community.’ he added.

A search committee, led by Mr Samuel Yung Wing-ki, will oversee the recruitment exercise and an executive search firm will be commissioned to identify suitable candidates both locally and abroad for the Council's consideration.

Mr Yung said that the recruitment process is open and the suitability of both eligible serving staff and qualified outside candidates will be considered for appointment.

The SG is the chief executive of the HKEAA Secretariat, providing guidance and direction to over 350 staff members in delivering examinations and assessment services to Hong Kong.

The successful candidate is expected to have a profound understanding of education policies and public administration as well as proven ability to provide strong and inspirational leadership especially in a changing operating environment. It is essential that the successful candidate demonstrate strong commitment to promoting education and assessment, capacity to enhance mode of operation and resource deployment as well as ability to deal effectively with multiple stakeholders.

With this announcement, the rigorous process of recruiting a new SG will begin. In the months ahead, the search committee will work closely with Dr So and the HKEAA Secretariat to ensure a smooth transition.

Established in 1977, the HKEAA is an independent, self-financing statutory body responsible for administering the HKDSE and a range of examinations and assessment services to meet educational and societal needs.

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