



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **The 10th Anniversary of the HKDSE & the First HKEAA Virtual Open Day**

2021 marks the 10th anniversary of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE), following its launch in 2012 by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA).

Mr Samuel Yung Wing-ki, Chairman of the HKEAA, said, '2021 is a year of challenges. Yet we are pleased to have overcome one challenge after another, and held the 10th HKDSE smoothly with the support of various sectors and the full collaboration of our colleagues. Throughout the years, the HKDSE has been an important qualification for senior secondary students furthering their studies locally or overseas, or pursuing a career. In the past decade, about 645,000 candidates sat the examination, and the number of scripts marked was close to 9,000,000.'

He added, 'To keep abreast of the times and be in line with teaching and learning needs, and the trend of diversified learning, we have together with the Education Bureau kept reviewing the senior secondary curriculum and assessment in order to optimise the HKDSE. Apart from receiving wide recognition from employers and local institutions, the HKDSE has won much recognition abroad. Many institutions in regions popular with Hong Kong students have recognised the HKDSE. By now, 127 Mainland institutions admit Hong Kong students on the basis of HKDSE results, doubling that of about 60 when the HKDSE was first launched. Also, about 140 institutions in Taiwan recognise the HKDSE, and the number of overseas institutions accepting the HKDSE qualification for admission to their undergraduate programmes rose from about 100 in the first cohort to about 300 now.'

#### **The First Virtual Open Day**

To mark the 10th anniversary of the HKDSE, the HKEAA has launched its first Virtual Open Day, offering the public a virtual tour of its script scanning centre and assessment centre, to help them understand how HKDSE answer scripts are handled and the work of Onscreen Marking. The Virtual Open Day can be accessed on the [HKEAA website](https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk), which also features the important milestones and development of the HKDSE.

#### **HKDSE Online Information Seminar**

To enhance candidates' and parents' understanding of the HKDSE, the HKEAA will on 28 August (Saturday) organise an HKDSE Online Information Seminar, at which Secretary General Professor Wei Xiang-dong, Director of Public Examinations Professor Ricardo Mak, Head of Assessment Development Ms Choy Siu-kwan, and Head of School Examinations and Assessment Ms Margaret Hui will talk about the streamlining arrangements for the 2022

HKDSE and School-based Assessment, marking and grading, reminders for students under special circumstances, etc. Members of the public are welcome to register and find about the details of the seminar at

[www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/events/2021HKDSE\\_Online\\_Information\\_Seminar.html](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/events/2021HKDSE_Online_Information_Seminar.html)

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