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The HKEAA 45th Anniversary Kick-Off Ceremony

On the occasion of its 45th Anniversary, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) staged a kick-off ceremony today (28 September 2022) to bear witness to the significant milestone. Mr Chan Kwok-ki, Chief Secretary for Administration, officiated at the ceremony, alongside Dr Choi Yuk-lin, Secretary for Education; Professor Xu Kai, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Educational, Scientific and Technological Affairs, the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; Mr Samuel Yung Wing-ki, HKEAA Chairman; Mr Yau Siu-hung, HKEAA Deputy Chairman, and Professor Wei Xiang-dong, Secretary General of the HKEAA. Besides kicking off the anniversary events, together they reviewed the Authority's development and achievements throughout the years.

The ceremony was held at the HKEAA Tsuen Wan Assessment Centre. Mr Chan Kwok-ki, Chief Secretary for Administration, went on a tour of the centre together with the other officiating guests, gaining an understanding of the development of assessment technology, and how technology is used in support of learning and teaching.

In his address, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, Chief Secretary for Administration, congratulated the HKEAA for its 45th Anniversary. He said that despite the pandemic, the government, the HKEAA and the education sector had, upholding the spirit of not to miss each and every candidate, joined hands in ensuring that precautionary measures were adopted in the entire process, from examination to marking, allowing the HKDSE to be held smoothly and safely in the past few years.

Mr Samuel Yung, the HKEAA Chairman, expressed his gratitude to all the guests and partners in the education sector for their support to the HKEAA over the years in his welcome remarks. Looking back at HKEAA's development, he said, 'Quality examination and assessment services are an important part of educational development and talent nurturing. Reliable qualifications can help drive young people's upward mobility. Whether it is the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE), Hong Kong Higher Level Examination (HKHLE) or Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKALE) of the past, or the present Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE), the examinations held by the HKEAA have always enjoyed widespread recognition internationally and among local institutions and employers. Over the years, many youngsters have embarked on enriching learning and life journeys, on the strength of their qualifications obtained through public examinations.'

With its 45th anniversary centred on the theme of 'Professional • Equitable • Reliable', the HKEAA is not just showcasing mementos of public examinations to review the history of the HKEAA and public examinations, but also presenting the future development and

applications of examination and assessment technology. The guests were shown how the Authority has used technology to enhance operational efficiency, provide professional, reliable examinations and assessment for the public, and develop online assessment and feedback platforms for the education sector, making good use of examination data while promoting the vision of 'Assessment for Learning'.

Over the years, the HKEAA has launched various systems helping schools enhance their assessment and teaching. Among them, the newly developed HKDSE Diagnostic Feedback System (DFS) will be launched in October this year. The system integrates the multiple-choice question banks of six HKDSE subjects (including Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Economics and Business, Accounting and Financial Studies), allowing teachers to compile examination papers by choosing questions from a particular year, scope of content, level of difficulty, etc. for assessment of students. The system is based on the assessment data of past HKDSE examinations, providing a one-stop platform for teachers and students to carry out assessment and obtain feedback developed by subject experts on individual questions. This will help enhance students' learning. For details of the HKDSE DFS, please visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=wldaMSTb230

Since its establishment in 1977, the HKEAA has provided examination and assessment services for more than 18 million candidates. To celebrate the anniversary, a wide array of events will continue to unfold throughout the year to enable the public and different stakeholders to have a deeper understanding of the HKEAA's services and development. Also scheduled is our maiden virtual anniversary special exhibition, which will be launched later to showcase over twenty groups of exhibits on the HKEAA and public examinations through 3D virtual technology. The public can visit the 45th Anniversary webpage for information on the milestones of the HKEAA and anniversary events: www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/about_hkeaa/45thanniversaryofthehkeaa/

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