



PRESS RELEASE

HKEAA welcomes the Government's Paying the Examination Fees for 2024 HKDSE School Candidates

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2023-24 Budget Speech that the Government will pay the examination fees for school candidates sitting the 2024 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE), which will incur HK\$151 million. The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) welcomes the proposal and believes this can ease parents' and candidates' financial pressure.

Mr Samuel Yung Wing-ki, the HKEAA Chairman said, 'The Government will have paid the examination fees for school candidates for six consecutive years by 2024 since the 2019 HKDSE. The initiative will not only ease parents' and candidates' financial pressure, but also show the Government's commitment in promoting upward mobility for youngsters and nurturing talents. The school sector, parents and other stakeholders have always appreciated the Government's paying the examination fees for HKDSE school candidates. We also reflected their views to the Government from time to time. While the Hong Kong community and economy are gradually returning to normal, we are grateful to the Government for listening to us and riding out difficult times with the public by continuing the initiative.'

Professor Wei Xiang-dong, Secretary General of the HKEAA, welcomes the latest proposal, 'We thank the Government for continuing the initiative which benefits tens of thousands of students. The HKEAA will make the corresponding arrangements based on past experience and discussions with the Education Bureau on the handling of examination fee payment.'

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