



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Examination Arrangements for Mainland Participating Schools in 2024 HKDSE**

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced today (6 February 2024) that starting from 2024, the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) will set up its examination centres in designated locations in the Mainland cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) for pilot implementation.

The Shenzhen Hong Kong Pui Kiu College Longhua Xinyi School and the Affiliated School of JNU for Hong Kong and Macao Students in Guangzhou have been approved to become HKDSE participating schools from the 2024 HKDSE. About 110 bona fide S6 students from the two schools have registered for the HKDSE as school candidates this year.

Over the past year, relevant departments and institutions in Hong Kong and the Mainland have collaborated on the initiative to set up examination centres in the Mainland cities of the GBA. After reviewing the latest progress of the preparatory work, the Education Bureau of the HKSAR Government and the education administrative department of Guangdong Province agreed that the HKEAA would launch a pilot scheme for the 2024 HKDSE by setting up examination centres in the two Mainland participating schools. The pilot scheme aims to provide convenience for qualified school candidates by allowing them to sit the HKDSE at the designated examination centres in their own schools without having to travel to Hong Kong for the examinations. The arrangement is applicable to Hong Kong and Macao students of the participating schools only and does not extend to candidates from the Mainland or other regions.

The HKEAA has thoroughly reviewed the two pilot centre schools' preparatory work and arrangements for setting up the HKDSE examination centres, which covered various aspects, including storage and transportation of examination papers, setup of examination rooms, appointment of examination personnel, etc., and considered that the two schools had met the requirements in terms of confidentiality, security, and reliability. The examination centre arrangements in the Mainland cities of the GBA for the 2025 HKDSE will be considered based on the experience of this pilot scheme, as well as a basket of relevant factors.

The HKEAA will continue to work closely with the relevant departments in Hong Kong and the Mainland to supervise the implementation of various examination arrangements for setting

up the Mainland examination centres and provide the two pilot centre schools with appropriate guidelines and training. The entire examination process, irrespective of the locations in Hong Kong or the Mainland cities of the GBA where it takes place, will be implemented in full compliance with quality assurance requirements and monitoring measures to meet the same international standards.

The Authority emphasised that both candidates from Hong Kong and the Mainland have pursued the same HKDSE curriculum, and the same papers would be used for the examinations, regardless of the arrangement of examination centres. All candidates will be assessed and graded according to the same assessment criteria.

### **Issuance of 2024 HKDSE Admission Forms**

The HKEAA has issued the admission forms to all 2024 HKDSE candidates starting today. School candidates should collect their admission forms from their respective schools, while the admission forms for private candidates in Hong Kong or those who will travel to Hong Kong for the examinations from the Mainland or other regions have been sent by post. Any private candidate who does not receive their admission form by 15 February 2024 should contact the School Examinations and Assessment Division of the HKEAA immediately.

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Candidates should carefully check the information printed on the admission forms, including personal data, subject(s)/paper(s)/module/language version entered, and names and addresses of the examination centres.

Candidates are reminded to attend the examinations according to the dates, times and centres as specified on the admission forms. They must present their original admission form and Hong Kong Identity Card (or another valid identification document) at every examination session they attend for verification of their identity.

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