

## PRESS RELEASE

### Appointment of Secretary General of the HKEAA

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced today (4 May 2017) the appointment of Dr So Kwok-sang as Secretary General, effective 1 September 2017.

The appointment is made after a rigorous search process by the Search Committee through open recruitment locally and internationally. Mr Rock Chen Chung-nin, Chairman of the HKEAA, said, 'The Search Committee was pleased to conclude that Dr So's leadership and experience in curriculum development, education administration and public examinations management have made him the most suitable candidate for the role. Dr So has also demonstrated throughout his career profound knowledge of assessment and commitment to the development of education services in Hong Kong. I am confident that under his leadership, the Authority will be able to rise to each and every challenge ahead and continue to deliver professional and quality services to meet the educational and training needs of Hong Kong.'

Dr So Kwok-sang is currently the Academic Registrar of Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU). He has extensive experience in education and examinations administration. Dr So has served on different HKEAA committees and was a member of the Public Examinations Board and the Standards Committee respectively. He is experienced in evaluating assessment framework of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) and setting the examination standards. He is currently a member of the Appeal Review Committee.

Prior to joining the HKBU, Dr So had taken up various positions in the tertiary education sector, including The Education University of Hong Kong (formerly The Hong Kong Institute of Education), the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the Vocational Training Council, ranging from academic functions, programme development to administration.

Mr Rock Chen also expressed his deepest gratitude to Dr Tong Chong-sze, the current Secretary General, for his dedicated leadership and immense contribution to the HKEAA over the past six years. Under his stewardship the HKEAA has launched the HKDSE in 2012, and the qualification has achieved wide recognition among various end-users, including government, employers and universities both in Hong Kong and abroad.

Dr So said, 'I have been privileged to contribute to the development of curriculum and public examinations in different capacities over the years and am delighted, therefore, to be appointed to take up such an important role to lead the HKEAA, a renowned organisation with four decades of experience in public examinations and assessment development. I greatly look forward to working with the Council, the professional staff, the education community and various stakeholders to provide exemplary and professional services to Hong Kong.'

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***Notes to Editors: Please see the attachment for Dr So Kwok Sang's profile***

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## **Dr. So Kwok-sang**

Dr. So Kwok-sang is currently the Academic Registrar of Hong Kong Baptist University, a position he has held since 2011. He has a strong passion for education and possesses rich experience in the full spectrum of education services, from teaching to programme development, education administration and management at all levels ranging from kindergarten, primary, secondary to university.

Dr. So took up the position as Registrar of The Education University of Hong Kong (formerly The Hong Kong Institute of Education) in 2004 and has gained wide exposure in higher education planning, management and leadership. He also served the Vocational Training Council and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in various teaching and administration capacities.

Dr. So is currently a Member of the Appeal Review Committee of the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) with previous membership of the Standards Committee and Public Examinations Board. He is experienced in evaluating the assessment framework of the HKDSE, advising on matters concerning the conduct of examinations and giving directions in setting the examination standards as well as making recommendations regarding the policies and procedures of appeal processing and reviewing of examination decisions.

He is a member (former Chairman) of the Joint University Programmes Admission System Board of Management.

He graduated from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology with Master of Science in Power Systems Analysis and Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering. He has also received the Postgraduate Certificate in Education and Master of Education (Higher Education) from The University of Hong Kong. In 2012, he completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Research and Professional Studies in Education from the University of Bristol, UK and in 2014, he obtained the Master of Christian Studies from Evangel Seminary, Hong Kong. Dr. So is a Chartered Electrical Engineer, a Corporate Member of both the Institution of Engineering and Technology and the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers.