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Dear Principal,

Guidelines for Uploading School Principal's Nomination Forms for the Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions in 2018 ("Admission Scheme")

I am pleased to inform you that the Admission Scheme whereby Mainland higher education institutions would admit Hong Kong students based on their Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) examination results will continue to be implemented in 2018. A total of 102 Mainland higher education institutions will participate in the Admission Scheme this year (see **Appendix 1**).

According to the enrolment procedure for the Admission Scheme promulgated by the Ministry of Education (國家教育部), applicants have to submit their applications online during the period of 1 to 20 March 2018 (via the website: http://www.eeagd.edu.cn). They should also visit the China Education Exchange (HK) Centre for onsite confirmation of applications during the period of 10 to 29 March 2018 (except Sundays).

Student applicants can opt for uploading their Student Learning Profiles (SLPs) (in Chinese or English, preferably in Chinese) on their own via the online application system during the period of 1 March to 31 May 2018. Further details will be announced via the online application website of the Co-Office of the Mainland Chinese Universities and Colleges of the People's Republic of China for the Joint Examinations and Enrolment of the Students from Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and Overseas Chinese-Resident Areas and Countries (Joint Enrolment Office) (http://www.eeagd.edu.cn).

More flexibility will be allowed for adopting an alternative minimum entrance requirement under the School Principal Nomination Scheme (SPNS) as compared with previous years. The revised minimum entrance requirement is the attainment of a total score of 10 or above in the four core subjects (i.e. Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and Liberal Studies) among which none of them is below 2. The quota on the number of students, among those taking the HKDSE examination in 2018, nominated by each school under the SPNS remains the same at 6. School principals should submit School Principal Nomination Forms (SPNFs) online during the period of 1 April to 31 May 2018 (a sample of SPNF at Appendix 2) if they would like to put forward nomination in 2018. Details of requirements for uploading SPNFs are set out in the attached Guidelines (see Appendix 3).

Your school should have received username and password for uploading of SPNFs under the Admission Scheme from the Joint Enrolment Office via us in February 2015 and have been advised to keep and manage your school's username and password. In case the password has been lost, please write, in the form of an official letter, to Joint Enrolment Office via us to apply for resetting the password. Please refer to **Appendix 4** for details.

More details about the Admission Scheme, including its latest update and soft copies of the appendices attached to this letter, are available from our website at www.edb.gov.hk/expo17. Should you have any question, please contact Miss Christy Ng at 2827 2224.

Yours sincerely,

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