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Non-Chinese speaking (NCS) children's early start in learning the Chinese language will facilitate their adaptation to mainstream curriculum and integration into the local community. Parents of NCS children are encouraged to send their children to kindergartens (KGs) with an immersed Chinese language environment as early as possible to facilitate their learning of the Chinese language. The Government puts forward a series of measures to support NCS children in admission to KGs and cater for their learning and developmental needs.

### Support Measures

#### Student Admission

- All KGs must ensure equal opportunities in admission for all children regardless of their race, gender and ability and their school-based admission mechanism should be fair, just, open and comply with the anti-discrimination ordinances.
- KGs are reminded to provide both Chinese and English versions of their application forms, information on school-based admission mechanism and admission criteria, and offer assistance to parents of NCS children. For instance, KGs may allow parents to be accompanied by a Chinese speaking relative/friend during interview so as to facilitate communication.
- Parent seminars on Nursery (K1) admission are organised for parents of NCS children annually. Interpretation service is provided as appropriate.
- Relevant materials published by Education Bureau (EDB), such as leaflets, posters, guidance notes and form for Application for Registration Certificate for KG Admission, have been translated into six major ethnic minority languages, including Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai and Urdu.
- The KG Profile, which is published in both English and Chinese, provides a wide range of school information that serves as useful reference for parents in making school choices.
- Parents of NCS children encountering genuine difficulties in seeking admission to KGs may approach EDB for referral, as appropriate, to KGs joining the Free Quality KG Education Scheme (Scheme-KGs) that have vacancies.

#### Catering for NCS Students' Needs

- To support KGs in catering for the needs of NCS students, diversified modes of school-based support are offered. All KGs may apply for joining.
- Professional training programmes on teaching and learning of NCS students are offered for KGs.
- Scheme-KGs admitting 8 or more NCS students can apply for an additional grant for enhancing the support to NCS students.
- To help KGs strengthen communication with parents of NCS students, a set of Communication Cue Cards and a set of templates for commonly used school circulars have been translated into six major ethnic minority languages for use of KGs.
- The updated KG Education Curriculum Guide sets out the direction and principles for facilitating the integration of NCS students into the local school settings, as well as introducing specific strategies and relevant resources on how teachers can help NCS students learn Chinese.

### Other Information

For further information or assistance, please contact EDB:

- Telephones of Regional Educational Offices:  
2863 4646 (HK),  
3698 4108 (KLN),  
2639 4876 (NTE) and  
2437 7272 (NTW)
- Telephone of Joint Office for Kindergartens and Child Care Centres: 3107 2197

Other relevant websites:



► Free Quality KG Education  
[www.edb.gov.hk/free-quality-kg-edu\\_en](http://www.edb.gov.hk/free-quality-kg-edu_en)



► Admission Arrangements for K1 Classes in KGs  
[www.edb.gov.hk/k1-admission\\_e](http://www.edb.gov.hk/k1-admission_e)



► KG Profile  
[www.chsc.hk/kindergarten/en/](http://www.chsc.hk/kindergarten/en/)



► Education Services for NCS Students  
[www.edb.gov.hk/ncs](http://www.edb.gov.hk/ncs)

