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To: Heads of Government, Aided (including Special Schools), Caput and Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) Schools and Kindergartens joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme

Dear Principal,

**Quality Education Fund  
The e-Learning Ancillary Facilities Programme**

This letter aims to invite all public sector schools, DSS schools and kindergartens joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme to participate in the Quality Education Fund e-Learning Ancillary Facilities Programme (the Programme) as partners of the projects to be developed by tertiary institutions and school sponsoring bodies. The Programme aims to facilitate the development, enrichment and provision of e-learning ancillary facilities, in particular infrastructure which has the potential to be widely adopted such as systems, platforms and/or tools, etc., through fostering in-depth collaboration between the school sector, tertiary institutions, educational and professional organisations as well as business sector, bringing benefits to the education sector at large.

**Background and Purpose**

2. Under the epidemic, the blended mode of learning, i.e. face-to-face classes, e-learning at home and other modes of learning, has become the new normal in learning and teaching. The Quality Education Fund (QEF) has earlier set aside \$2 billion to support e-learning by launching a three-year programme from the 2021/22 school year to ensure that all students will have equal opportunities in accessing e-learning and support the provision of ancillary facilities for implementation of e-learning. Under this initiative, a \$1.5 billion scheme, namely, the Quality Education Fund e-Learning Funding Programme—Provision of Mobile Computer Devices and Internet Services Support scheme” has been launched in May 2021 for schools to apply for funding to

purchase mobile computer devices for loan to needy students, and to provide Internet services support for students who are unable to acquire appropriate Internet services due to constraints of their living environment, so that all students have equal opportunities in accessing e-learning. Another \$500 million will be allocated to set up this the e-Learning Ancillary Facilities Programme (the Programme), which is a pilot scheme, for supporting the provision of ancillary facilities for e-learning.

3. With a two-pronged approach, the Programme would invite selected grantees of previously approved e-learning projects funded by the QEF to submit a proposal for further development and dissemination of the project deliverables (Development and Dissemination Scheme), and open for tertiary institutions and/or school sponsoring bodies to apply for funding under the Programme to develop ancillary facilities for implementation of e-learning in schools (New Project Scheme).

### **Participation Details**

4. Under the New Project Scheme, schools with new project ideas that may bring benefits to the education sector at large may make submission via their school sponsoring bodies. Schools may also participate in projects to be implemented by tertiary institutions or other school sponsoring bodies as partnering schools. Schools may assist in contributing ideas to new e-learning initiatives, testing the deliverables through trial use as well as participating in the promotion and dissemination of project outcome. Schools are also welcome to visit the Quality Education Fund Cyber Resource Centre (QCRC) (<https://qcrc.qef.org.hk/en/index.html>) to identify and leverage on suitable QEF funded projects for developing new concepts for the New Project Scheme.

### **Support to Schools**

5. To facilitate local schools<sup>1</sup> in learning about potential projects of project proponents and identifying e-learning projects of interest, the Hong Kong Education City<sup>2</sup> (HKEdCity) has set up a matching platform for both parties (<https://qefepm.edb.edcity.hk>). Interested schools may also use the platform to post their areas of interest for potential project proponents' invitation for participation, or browse other parties' posts to learn about potential projects and proactively participate in those projects.

6. When the deliverables of the Programme are ready to roll out, HKEdCity will create a designated webpage to display the deliverables or hyperlinks of the projects on its website for local schools to visit, download, trial use and subscribe the deliverables. Further details will be announced once the designated webpage has been hosted.

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<sup>1</sup> Local schools refer to government schools, aided schools, caput schools, DSS schools and kindergartens joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme.

<sup>2</sup> Hong Kong Education City is a company wholly owned and subvented by the Government for promoting e-learning in Hong Kong.

7. The QEF will provide sponsorship for publicly-funded schools to trial use the e-learning deliverables that require payment for three years. Details will be announced in due course.

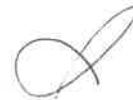
**Enquiries**

8. The information on the Programme and application details are available on the QEF webpage (<https://www.qef.org.hk>). For enquiries, please contact the following colleagues of the IT in Education Section of the EDB and HKEdCity.

Enquiry on matters related to schools' participation in the Programme:  
Mr Jimmy WAN (Tel. No.: 3698 3603) or  
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Enquiry on the technical support for the “matching” platform of HKEdCity:  
Service hotline of HKEdCity (Tel. No.: 2624 1000)

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Education