

## School Allocation Exercise 2004 and 2005

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The Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB) today (February 4) announced the recommendation by the School Allocation Committee (SAC) to allocate a school premises for the re-provisioning of a secondary school with a sub-standard school building under the School Allocation Exercise (SAE) 2004.

Details of the allocation are as follows:

Premises location	:	Site 10, West Kowloon Reclamation, Shamshuipo
School sponsoring body (SSB) recommended	:	Church Body of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
Estimated completion date	:	2006
Purpose	:	For reprovisioning of an existing aided secondary school (St Mary's Church College)

“The successful applicant, St Mary's Church College, is now accommodated in a premises of about 45 years old, with a site area of less than 1,600 square metres. It demonstrates the Government's commitment to seeking continuous improvements to the facilities of schools through a Redevelopment and Reprovisioning Programme if they can hardly benefit from the School Improvement Programme,” an EMB spokesman said.

In making the allocation decision, the quality of education was the prime consideration. Factors considered included the operation track record of the school and the school sponsoring bodies (SSBs), the school plan for the schools after relocation, the physical conditions of the existing schools, the supply and demand for school places in the districts concerned as well as the agreement of the applicant bodies to surrender their existing premises to the Government.

The EMB today also announced the School Allocation Exercise 2005, in which one secondary school premises in Yuen Long had been set aside for eligible SSBs applying for reprovisioning of an existing government/ aided secondary school as well as for replacing a building project.

“The school premises with 30 classrooms and scheduled for completion in 2006, was open for bidding in the last round of exercise. However, it was subsequently

withdrawn as the SAC could not identify a suitable candidate for allocation,” the spokesman said.

“In the new round of exercise, invitation is extended to SSBs which were allocated with secondary school sites/premises in previous SAEs, but the school projects could not be materialised due to unforeseeable circumstances. These SSBs may now submit applications for replacement. The successful SSB will be required to give up the school site/premises originally allocated to it in previous SAE.”

“Likewise, the SSB applying for reprovisioning, if allocated with the new premises, will be required to surrender the existing school premises to the Government upon relocation.”

All applications for the above purposes will be considered by the SAC comprising an equal number of official and non-official members familiar with the Hong Kong education system. The applicant SSB is required to complete an application form and submit it together with supporting documents including detailed information on their eligibility and a proposed school plan (of not more than 10 pages including all annexes plus a three-page executive summary) covering the vision and mission, management and organization, teaching and learning, school ethos and support for students, performance targets and self-evaluation indicators. The applicant SSB may make reference to the school(s) that it is operating and the respective performance of the school(s) to substantiate its case.

For reprovisioning of an existing school, there are additional requirements for the applicant SSB to submit a survey form on the facilities, physical conditions and land/building status of the existing school, an undertaking to surrender the existing premises upon relocation of the school, and to provide information about views from parents and teachers regarding the reprovisioning plan.

An applicant body is eligible for consideration in the SAE 2005 when it is:

(1) incorporated under the Companies Ordinance, and its memorandum and articles of association contain all the standard clauses and articles required for allocation of a school, or incorporated under other ordinances and the Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower is satisfied, having regard to its constitution, that it is fit to be considered for allocation of a school;

(2) a charitable institution or trust of a public character exempted from tax under

Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance; and

(3) either (i) currently running one or more secondary schools in Hong Kong if the application is for reprovisioning, or (ii) has been allocated a secondary school site/premises in a previous SAE, but the school project cannot be materialized due to reasons beyond the control of the school/school sponsoring body if the application is for replacement purpose.

Application forms for the SAE 2005 can be obtained from the office of the Infrastructure and Research Support Division at Room 1427, 14/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, or downloaded from the EMB homepage (<http://www.emb.gov.hk/index.aspx?nodeid=246&langno=1>). More information on this school allocation exercise can also be found in the EMB homepage.

Applicant bodies are required to submit to the Infrastructure and Research Support Division by 4 March, 2005 one copy of their application form and the supporting documents, together with 15 copies of the proposed school plan and executive summary.

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