

Third School Allocation Exercise 2012 invites application for allocation of a new School for Social Development cum Residential Home

The Education Bureau (EDB) announced today (July 27) that one new school premises under planning in Jordan Valley, Kwun Tong would be open for applications by eligible bodies for operating a new school for social development (SSD) cum residential home for girls in the Third School Allocation Exercise (SAE) 2012.

“Allocation of the school premises is on a competitive basis. Quality of education and residential service will be the prime considerations in assessing the applications submitted by applicants. Factors to be considered include the operation track record of the applicant bodies in running schools, the quality of the proposed school plan in running a new SSD and providing residential service. In the event that the overall assessments of more than one applicant are comparable, preference would be given to the applicant(s) with proven track record in running special schools in Hong Kong, especially a school for social development and residential home service for children and young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties,” an EDB spokesman said.

All applications will be considered by the School Allocation Committee comprising official and non-official members. A representative from the Social Welfare Department will be co-opted as an official member of the Committee for the allocation exercise. The applicant bodies are required to complete an application form and submit it together with the required supporting documents, and a proposed plan covering the school portion and the residential home portion (of not more than 15 pages including all annexes plus a two-page executive summary). For the school portion, the proposed plan should set out the vision and mission, management and organisation, learning and teaching, school ethos and support for students, performance targets and self-evaluation indicators. For the residential home portion, the proposed plan should set out quality aspects including the core service provision, performance management, human resources management, planning of service commencement, financial management and innovative and value-added measures. The applicant body may also make reference to other school(s), residential home(s) or non-profit-making social services that it is operating and their respective performance to substantiate its case.

In line with the established policy for school allocation, when submitting the application, the applicant body should be a charitable institution or trust of a public character exempted from tax under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, and is:

(1) incorporated under the Companies Ordinance (the successful applicant body would be

required to ensure that its memorandum and articles of association contain all the standard clauses and articles required for allocation of a school); or

(2) incorporated under other ordinances, with its constitution satisfying the Permanent Secretary for Education as being fit to be considered for allocation of a school.

Application form for the Third SAE 2012 and other reference materials can be downloaded from the EDB homepage (<http://www.edb.gov.hk/index.aspx?nodeid=246&langno=1>). More information on this SAE can also be found in the homepage.

Duly completed application form and supporting documents, together with 21 copies of the proposed plan and executive summary, should reach the Infrastructure and Research Division of the Education Bureau (6th Floor, East Wing, Central Government Office, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong) on or before 5:00 p.m. 14 September 2012. Late or incomplete applications, as well as application via email, will not be processed.

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