

Third School Allocation Exercise 2014 deploys vacant school premises to meet projected transient shortfall of P1 places in Yuen Long

The Education Bureau (EDB) today (September 30) announced that a vacant school premises in Tin Shui Wai is now open for applications from eligible school sponsoring bodies (SSBs) in the Third School Allocation Exercise (SAE) 2014.

The vacant school premises identified is the ex-premises of the Church of Christ in China Fong Yun Wah Primary School at Estate Primary School, Tin Yiu Estate Phase II, Tin Shui Wai, New Territories. Details of the vacant premises are set out at Annex.

"In order to meet the projected transient shortfall of Primary One places in Yuen Long in the run up to the 2018/19 school year, the Government has identified a vacant school premises in Tin Shui Wai for operating an extension of an existing aided primary school for a time-limited period or setting up a separate time-limited aided primary school. Applicants may submit application on both options," an EDB spokesman said.

"It is currently projected that the student population at age 6 in Yuen Long will reach its peak in the 2018/19 school year and progressively decrease to a stable level as from the 2019/20 school year. The successful applicant is expected to operate at the vacant school premises from the 2015/16 school year to the 2023/24 school year to meet the transient shortfall of P1 places in Yuen Long. The successful applicant will be required to surrender the allocated premises to the Government upon reasonable notice by the Government in accordance with the tenancy agreement."

"The successful applicant of the premises is expected to fully utilise the premises to meet the transient shortfall as far as practicable from the 2015/16 school year to the 2023/24 school year upon the school allocation. The actual number of classes to be operated in each school year within the period will be subject to approval by the Education Bureau," he added.

"Allocation of premises is on a competitive basis and quality of education will be the prime consideration in assessing schools' applications. Factors to be considered include the operation track record of the applicant school or the SSB, the quality of the proposed school plan submitted, as well as the staffing arrangement

upon closure of the time-limited primary school/extension of premises. Priority will be given to applications which can best meet the projected transient shortage of P1 places within the timeframe required. For applications for an extension of an existing aided primary school, the administrative arrangements in relation to the operation of the existing school and the extension will also be taken into account.”

All applications will be considered by the School Allocation Committee comprising official and non-official members. Each applicant body may submit one application for setting up a time-limited aided primary school at the premises, and/or one application for extension of an existing aided primary school under its sponsorship at the premises. In other words, an applicant body which is interested in both options may submit more than one application.

If an applicant body submits more than one application, each of its applications will be treated as an independent one. Each application should be submitted together with the required supporting documents, and a proposed school plan (of not more than 10 pages including all annexes plus a two-page executive summary) covering the vision and mission, management and organisation, learning and teaching, school ethos and support for students, student performance target and self-evaluation indicators. The applicant SSB may also make reference to other school(s) that it is operating and the respective performance of the school(s) to substantiate its case.

In line with the EDB’s established policy for school allocation, the applicant body should be exempted from tax under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, and be:

- (1) incorporated under the Companies Ordinance, with its articles of association containing all the standard texts required for allocation of a school premises; 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 premises.

In the case of application for physical extension of an aided primary school, the applicant body should be running one or more primary schools in Hong Kong and the applicant body should be a registered school sponsoring body of the applicant school.

Application forms for the Third SAE 2014 and other reference materials can be downloaded from the EDB homepage (www.edb.gov.hk/en/sch-admin/sch-premises-info/allocation-of-sch/index.html).

More information on this SAE can also be found on the homepage.

Duly completed application forms and supporting documents, together with 19 copies of the proposed plan and executive summary, should reach the Infrastructure and Research Support Division of the Education Bureau (6/F, East Wing, Central Government Office, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong) on or before 5pm on October 30, 2014. Late or incomplete applications, as well as application via email, will not be processed.

For enquiries, please call 3509 8413 or 3509 8411.

End/ Tuesday, September 30, 2014

Annex

Third School Allocation Exercise 2014 Information on Vacant School Premises

School (Address)	No. of Classroom (CR)/ Special Rooms (SR)	Age of Premises (Internal Floor Area (in m ²))
Ex-premises of the Church of Christ in China Fong Yun Wah Primary School (Estate Primary School, Tin Yiu Estate Phase II, Tin Shui Wai, New Territories)	CR: 30 SR: 14	20 (6 285)