Second School Allocation Exercise 2018 invites applications for two new special school premises

The Education Bureau (EDB) announced today (September 14) that two new special school premises under planning at Renfrew Road in Kowloon Tong are open for application in the Second School Allocation Exercise (SAE) 2018 by eligible applicant bodies for (1) operation of a new special school for children with mild intellectual disability (MiID) at Site A, and (2) operation of a new special school for children with MiID and moderate intellectual disability (MoID) with boarding facilities for children with MoID at Site B. Details of the two new special school premises under planning are set out in the Annex.

"Allocation of the school premises will be conducted on a competitive basis. Quality of education will be the prime consideration in assessing the applications submitted by applicant bodies. Factors to be considered include the operation track record of the applicant bodies and the quality of the proposed school plan in running the new special school (for allocation of the new school premises with boarding facilities at Site B, the plan should also cover boarding services). 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 schools for children with intellectual disability," an EDB spokesman said.

All applications will be considered by the School Allocation Committee comprising official and non-official members. Applicant bodies are required to complete the appropriate application form and submit it together with the required supporting documents, a proposed school plan (of not more than 10 pages for Site A and 15 pages for Site B including all annexes, plus a two-page executive summary), and a list of operating schools, if any. The proposed school plan should cover the vision and mission, management and organisation, learning and teaching, school ethos and support for students, students' performance targets and self-evaluation indicators, etc. The applicant body may also make reference to the school(s) that it is operating and their respective performance to substantiate its case.

In line with the EDB's established policy for school allocation, when submitting the application, the applicant body should be exempt from tax under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, and be:

- (1) incorporated under the Companies Ordinance (the successful applicant body would be required to ensure that its articles of association contain all the standard clauses and articles 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.

Applicant bodies not possessing the incorporation status and non-profit-making status under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance are NOT eligible for application and their applications will NOT be processed.

The application form for the Second SAE 2018 and other reference materials can be downloaded from the EDB homepage (www.edb.gov.hk/en/sch-admin/sch-premises-info/allocation-of-sch/inde x.html). More information on this SAE can also be found on the homepage.

The duly completed application form and supporting documents, together with 22 copies of the proposed school plan with the executive summary (for allocation of the new school premises with boarding facilities at Site B, the plan should cover both the school and boarding facilities) and list of operating schools, if any, should reach the Infrastructure and Research Support Division of the EDB (6/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong) by 5pm on October 15, 2018. Late or incomplete applications, as well as applications via email, will not be processed.

For enquiries, please call 3509 8413 or 3509 8411.

Annex

Premises Information - Second School Allocation Exercise 2018

District	Location	Approximate Site Area	Facilities	Expected
				Completion Date
				(Tentative)
Kowloon City	School A A new special school for children with mild intellectual disability (MiID) at Renfrew Road, Kowloon Tong School B A new special school for children with MiID and moderate intellectual disability (MoID) with boarding facilities for children with MoID at Renfrew Road, Kowloon Tong	7 700m² for developing two new special schools (Indicative site area: School A: about 3 000 m² School B: about 3 500m² Interlock Area: about 1 200m² [Note 1 - 2])	 School A School facilities including 12 classrooms, special rooms and other ancillary facilities School B School facilities including 24 classrooms, special rooms and other ancillary facilities Boarding facilities for about 80 children with MoID [Note 3], including bedrooms, dining hall and other ancillary facilities 	End of 2024 End of 2024

Notes:

- 1. The site with an area of about 7 700 m² is proposed for the construction of two special schools which may be interlocking subject to the final design of the two schools. The approximate site areas as stated above and the site boundaries as shown on the location plan are indicative only and are subject to the final design of the two schools.
- 2. Shared facilities may be incorporated in the design of the Interlock Area of the two schools. If yes, the two neighbouring schools will share these facilities as well as their management and maintenance responsibilities with each other. Detailed arrangement will be subject to the finalisation of the school design.
- 3. The boarding section has to provide both 5-day and 7-day boarding services.
- 4. Availability date of school premises is subject to various factors including, inter alia, planning approval, public consultation, funding approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council and changes in the demand and supply of school places during the planning process.
- 5. The successful applicant body shall agree to manage and maintain the school premises and the designated areas stipulated in the Engineering Conditions of the Permanent Government Land Allocation. The designated areas may include slopes abutting the school premises, subject to the Lands Department's final decision on the Engineering Conditions.
- 6. The school premises will adopt various forms of energy efficient features, renewable energy technologies and green features wherever practicable.