

## Expression of Interest for Taking over Sponsorship

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The Education Bureau (EDB) today (3 June) invited expression of interest for taking over the sponsorship of Pegasus Philip Wong Kin Hang Primary School cum Junior Secondary School (“the School”) in Yau Tong Estate, Kwun Tong District.

“Following the notification of the school sponsoring body concerned to give up its right in operating the School, there is a need to identify another party to take over its sponsorship to ensure continued operation of the School in a smooth manner as soon as possible. The expression of interest exercise is convened for this purpose, and is a preparatory step for a School Allocation Exercise being planned for selecting the takeover school sponsoring body for the School,” a spokesman for the bureau said.

“The takeover school sponsoring body is expected to place emphasis on continued smooth operation of the School. In this connection, school sponsoring body which is interested to take over the School should undertake to continue operating the School under the Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS), with minimal changes to the existing mission and vision of the School as well as the curriculum. The school fees to be charged for the 2009/10 school year should be no higher than that for the 2008/09 school year. The sponsoring body should also undertake to take up the entire existing staff of the School for the 2009/10 school year as far as possible and all existing students (including those who have already been admitted to Primary 1 level of the School for the 2009/10 school year) apart from those outgoing Secondary 3 students. As in the case of applying for new DSS schools, the sponsoring body will be required to bear the cost for the operation of the School,” the spokesman continued.

“Although the School is now operating Primary 1 to Secondary 3 classes, given that the school premises was purposely designed and built for a primary school, the junior secondary levels should be gradually phased out after the takeover. Separately, when selecting the takeover school sponsoring body under the School Allocation Exercise to be launched after the close of the expression of interest exercise, we will accord priority to applicant bodies which can provide a “through-train” arrangement for the School with an existing DSS secondary school,” added the spokesman.

In line with the EDB’s established policy for school allocation, 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, with its memorandum and articles of association containing 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.

“After the close of the expression of interest exercise, we will only invite those eligible school sponsoring bodies which have responded to the expressions of interest and fulfill the two established criteria as stated in the preceding paragraph to submit detailed school proposals. Details about the requirement of the school proposals will be given then.”

Reply form for the expressions of interest exercise is provided at Annex. The reply form and other reference materials can also be found at the EDB homepage (<http://www.edb.gov.hk/index.aspx?nodeid=246&langno=1>). Interested school sponsoring bodies are required to express interest by submitting the completed reply forms in person to Room 1427, 14/F, Education Bureau, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen’s Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong before 5 p.m. on 8 June 2009 (Monday). Interested sponsoring bodies are also requested to note that a briefing session will be held for them at 11 a.m. on 5 June 2009 (Friday) at Room 1023AB, 10/F, Education Bureau, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen’s Road East, Wan Chai.

For registration for the briefing session or other enquiries, please call 2892 5436 or 2892 6391.

End/Wednesday, 3 June 2009

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To: Education Bureau

[Room 1427, 14/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai]

**Reply Form: Expression of Interest for Takeover of Sponsorship for  
Pegasus Philip Wong Kin Hang Primary School  
cum Junior Secondary School**

We, \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of organization) hereby express interest in taking over the  
sponsorship of Pegasus Philip Wong Kin Hang Primary School cum  
Junior Secondary School.

2. We are incorporated under the *Companies Ordinance* /  
\_\_\_\_\_ *Ordinance*\*. We are / are not\* a charitable institution  
or trust of a public character exempted from tax under Section 88 of the  
Inland Revenue Ordinance.

3. If selected as the takeover school sponsoring body, we will  
undertake to –

- (a) continue operating the school under the Direct Subsidy Scheme  
("DSS");
- (b) introduce minimal changes to the existing mission and vision of  
the School as well as the curriculum;
- (c) charge the school fees for the 2009/10 school year no higher than  
that for the 2008/09 school year;
- (d) take up the entire existing staff of the School for the 2009/10  
school year as far as possible and all existing students (including  
those who have already been admitted to Primary 1 level of the  
School for the 2009/10 school year) apart from those outgoing  
Secondary 3 students; and

(e) bear the cost for the operation of the School.

4. We *can / cannot*\* provide a “through-train” arrangement for the School with an existing DSS secondary school.

5. For further information or clarification, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ (name of contact person) at the following address:

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Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

6. We understand that expression of interest through this exercise is non-binding by nature. It does not constitute an offer or the basis of an offer to any party for school allocation, nor does it create any legal obligations on the Government. It does not prejudice any future scrutiny by the Government or its advisory bodies and does not oblige the Government to any course of action including whether or not to approve any transfer of sponsorship irrespective of the number of applications received. Nothing in this exercise shall oblige the Government to allocate the sponsorship of the School to any party. We agree that the Government shall not in any event incur a liability, financial or otherwise, towards any party for any reason in relation to any expressions of interest.

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Position : \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Company Chop : \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Please delete as appropriate.)