

## Applications Invited for Three Kindergarten Premises in New Public Housing Estates

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The Education Bureau (EDB) today (March 14) announced that three new estate kindergarten premises would be open to applications by eligible bodies in the School Allocation Exercise (SAE) 2008.

An EDB spokesman said, “The three new estate kindergarten premises available for allocation in this exercise are located in three new housing estates in Kwun Tong, Shatin and Tin Shui Wai respectively scheduled to be completed in the first quarter of 2008.”

“The estate premises are made available for operation of kindergartens having regard to existing planning standards. Allocation of the kindergarten premises is on a competitive basis. Quality of education will be the prime consideration and will be assessed primarily on the basis of the merits of the proposals and track record of the applicant bodies in running kindergartens.”

All applications will be considered by the School Allocation Committee comprising an equal number of official and non-official members familiar with the Hong Kong education system. The applicant bodies are required to complete an application form and submit it together with the required supporting documents, and a proposed 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, kindergarten ethos and support for students, performance targets and self-evaluation indicators. The applicant body may also make reference to other school(s)/kindergarten(s) that it is operating and the respective performance of the school(s)/kindergarten(s) to substantiate its case.

In line with the EDB’s established policy for allocation of premises for education purposes, 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 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 the premises.

Application forms for the SAE 2008 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 school allocation exercise can also be found in the homepage.

Applicant bodies are required to submit to the Infrastructure and Research Support Division (Room 1427, 14/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong) by April 7, 2008 one copy of their application form and the supporting documents, together with 15 copies of the proposed plan and executive summary.

For enquiries, please call 2892 5436 or 2892 6391.

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