

ED holds briefing on school allocation

The Education Department (ED) will hold a briefing session on Saturday (October 28) for organizations interested in applying for school premises and school sites in the coming school allocation exercise.

The briefing session, to be conducted by Senior Assistant Director (Support) of the ED, Mr Lee Hing-fai, will be held at 9:30 am at the school hall of Tang Shiu Kin Victoria Government Secondary School, 5 Oi Kwan Road, Wanchai.

Mr Lee will announce the number and location of sites and premises for allocation and explain in details the criteria and procedures for selection of applicant bodies.

At present, an applicant body becomes eligible for consideration for the allocation of school premises or school sites when it is:

- (a) a charitable institution or trust of a public character exempted from tax under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance; and
- (b) incorporated under the Companies Ordinance and that its memorandum and articles of association contains all the standard clauses and articles required for allocation of a school.

Allocations will be considered by an independent School Allocation Committee (SAC) comprising an equal number of officials and non-officials.

Allocation of school premises and sites is on a competitive basis. The basic principle for allocation is to select sponsoring bodies with the best proposal to provide quality education for our children.

The selection will be based on an assessment of the applicant bodies' proposed school plan for the new schools, including their vision and mission, management and organization, teaching and learning, support for pupils, performance targets and indicators for self-evaluation.

Application forms for this round of school allocation exercise can be obtained from the office of the Building Section of the ED (14/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai) and downloaded from the ED's homepage (<http://www.ed.gov.hk>) from October 28, 2000 onwards.

Applicant bodies are required to submit their application together with a detailed school plan and detailed information on their eligibility by January 31, 2001 to the ED's Building Section.

Inquiries relating to applications should be directed to the Secretary of the SAC at 2892 6391.

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