

The Education Department (ED) will hold a briefing session on 18 July (Wednesday) to announce the details of the 2001 supplementary School Allocation Exercise.

The briefing session will be held at 2:30 pm at the Hong Kong Teachers' Centre, 4 Pak Fuk Road, North Point. ED would invite the organisations interested in applying for school premises and sites to attend the briefing session to explain to them 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.

Allocation will be considered by an independent School Allocation Committee (SAC) comprising an equal number of officials and non-officials. Five officers of Education and Manpower Bureau and ED would serve as members of the Committee. The five non-official members are very familiar with school operation and education of Hong Kong.

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

The selection will be based on an assessment of the applicant bodies' proposed school plans for the new schools, including its vision and mission of the new school, 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 Building Section of the ED (14/F Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai) and downloaded from the homepage of Education Department (<http://www.ed.gov.hk/school/chinese/schools>) from 18 July 2001 onwards.

Applicant bodies are required to submit their application together with a detailed school plan and detailed information on their eligibility by 3 October 2001 to the Building Section.

Enquiries relating to applications may be directed to the Secretary of the SAC at 2892 6391.

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