

Supplementary School Allocation Exercise 2003 invites application

The Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB) today (November 19) invited eligible school sponsoring bodies (SSBs) to apply for two secondary school premises in the Supplementary School Allocation Exercise (SAE) 2003.

"The two school premises, one in Shamshuipo and the other in Yuen Long, are open to applications for operating aided or Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) secondary schools, DSS senior secondary schools, or reprovisioning of existing aided schools," an EMB spokesman said.

"For reprovisioning, schools classified as non-feasible under the School Improvement Programme and applications for reprovisioning within the same district will be given priority."

The school, located at Hing Wah Street West, Shamshuipo, is of Year 2000 standard design with 30 classrooms. The other at Area 16, Kau Hui, Yuen Long, is of non-standard design with 30 classrooms.

An applicant body is eligible for consideration for allocation of school premises when it is:

- (1) incorporated under the Companies Ordinance, and its memorandum and articles of association contain all the standard clauses and articles required for allocation of a school, or incorporated under other ordinances and the Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower is satisfied, having regard to its constitution, that it is fit to be considered for allocation of a school; and
- (2) a charitable institution or trust of a public character exempted from tax under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance.

Allocation will be considered by a School Allocation Committee comprising government officials and non-officials familiar with the Hong Kong education system.

Allocation of school premises is on a competitive basis. Selection will be based on assessment of the applicant bodies' proposed school plans for the new schools, including their vision and mission, management and organisation, teaching and learning, school ethos and support for students, performance targets and self-evaluation indicators. In the case of existing SSBs, their track record in school

operation will also be taken into account.

Application forms for the Supplementary SAE 2003 can be obtained from the office of the Bureau's Infrastructure and Research Support Division at Room 1427, 14/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, or downloaded from the EMB homepage (<http://www.emb.gov.hk/school/allocation>).

The applicant body is also required to submit a proposed school plan of not more than 10 pages including all annexes plus a three-page executive summary. SSBs with school(s) in operation currently may make reference to the school(s) that they are operating to substantiate their case. In the case of reprovisioning, the applicants should provide full justifications to support their applications.

For SSBs who have submitted applications in the SAE 2003, there is no need for them to prepare new school proposals. Instead, they should submit 15 copies of their existing school plans (plus a short supplement to provide new information if necessary).

Applicant bodies are required to submit to the Infrastructure and Research Support Division by December 16, 2003 one copy of their application form and detailed information on their eligibility, together with 15 copies of the proposed school plan and executive summary.

For enquiries, please call 2892 5436 or 2892 6391.

End/Wednesday, November 19, 2003

NNNN