

NOTE FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE

School Premises Allocated for Operation of Direct Subsidy Scheme Schools

PURPOSE

This paper informs Members that four school premises originally planned for operation as aided schools at the time of our submission to the Public Works Subcommittee will be allocated for operation as Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) schools.

BACKGROUND

2. In the Legislative Council Brief “Review of Private School Policy” issued on 16 March 1999, Members were informed of the following Government initiatives to foster the development of quality DSS schools -

- (a) two government-built secondary school premises will be allocated for operation as non-profit-making DSS schools from the 2000/01 school year under a ten-year service agreement. If the response is enthusiastic and the quality of applications is high, the number of schools to be allocated may be increased, up to an additional two. DSS applicants will be allowed to apply together with prospective aided school operators for government-built premises to be allocated in the 2000/01 school year. Other things being equal, preference will be given to DSS schools; and
- (b) from the 1999/2000 school year, aided primary schools will be invited to apply to join DSS.

3. The Legislative Council Panel on Education was briefed on the above on 30 March 1999 and was in general agreement with the arrangements.

1999 ALLOCATION EXERCISE

4. In furtherance of the above initiatives, we invited in late March 1999 prospective school sponsoring bodies to apply for the allocation of government-built premises for operation as DSS schools. The response was enthusiastic and a total of 16 applications were received. A School Allocation Committee (SAC) chaired by the Director of Education and comprising government representatives and non-official members was formed to consider the applications. The SAC completed its deliberation in July 1999. Given the high quality of applications, the SAC decided to allocate a total of four government-built school premises (one each in Shatin, Siu Sai Wan, Kwun Tong and West Kowloon), originally intended for operation as aided schools, for the operation of DSS schools. A list of successful applicants is at the Enclosure.

Encl.

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Result of 1999 Allocation Exercise

| Category | Successful applicant | Location | PWP no./Date of Finance Committee approval |
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| Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) Schools | Hong Kong Management Association | West Kowloon Reclamation, Yau Ma Tei | 3224ES/ 30 October 1998 |
| | Chinese History & Culture Educational Foundation | Siu Sai Wan, Chai Wan | 3229ES/ 30 October 1998 |
| | Fukien Middle School | Lok Wah Estate, Kwun Tong | 3228ES/ 30 October 1998 |
| | East Asian Educational Association | Area 77, Sha Tin | 3227ES/ 30 October 1998 |