

French International School (FIS)

Provision of International School Places

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- FIS has been serving the French and international communities since 1964
- As of 2011/12 school year, FIS has over 2,400 students from 35 countries
- FIS has contributed to both the international and local communities:
 - First international school in Hong Kong adopting the International Baccalaureate curriculum; students have consistently attained academic excellence
 - Operates with a low cost base (charged one of the lowest school fees amongst international schools)
 - Only international school awarded the Gold award of environment friendly school by the Hong Kong SAR Government; first to conduct a carbon print audit
 - Share our sports facilities, including, indoor gym and swimming pool, with the local communities
 - Offer scholarships to local students



- FIS signed a convention with AEFÉ, hence has moral obligation to admit French students
- French business community has been expanding fast and steadily;
- FIS is currently operating at a sub-standard student-space ratio (based on the standard for locally aided school in Hong Kong)
- FIS is planning an expansion to accommodate another 500 students by 2014 with an investment from the parents, business communities, and the French Government of HK\$450 million.
- FIS has been working with the relevant departments since 2009. Despite policy support from the Chief Executive, the Education Bureau and Hong Kong Invest, integrated efforts from other relevant departments lacking.
- To expedite the development process, we believe concerted efforts from all relevant government departments with specific timeline and preferably one single-point of contact are necessary for the benefits of the local and international communities.
- Thank you for this opportunity.

