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Legislative Council Panel on Education
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Dear Ms WONG,

Panel on Education
Follow-up to the meeting on 13 April 2018

Thank you for your letter dated 19 April 2018. With regard to the motion passed under the agenda item "Payment for the examination fees for school candidates sitting for the 2019 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination" at the meeting on 13 April 2018, we submit our response at the Annex.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Jenny CHAN)
for Secretary for Education

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**Response from Education Bureau
to the motion passed under the agenda item
"Payment for the examination fees for school candidates sitting for the
2019 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination"
at the meeting of the Panel on Education on 13 April 2018**

Wording of the Motion

This Panel urges that the Government's one-off measure to pay the examination fees for school candidates sitting for the 2019 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination ("HKDSE") should cover private candidates who sat for HKDSE in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

(Moved by Hon SHIU Ka-chun)

Response

In deciding to set the scope of application for the measure to school candidates only, including first-time candidates and candidates who repeat the senior secondary curriculum in day schools and evening schools, the prime principle is the interests of candidates sitting for the 2019 HKDSE Examination. It is important to ensure that all candidates, no matter school candidates or private candidates, can take the examination at ease and would not be under unnecessary pressure. We consider that the arrangements of confining the measure to school candidates could effectively remove the worries and pressures of candidates and parents, hence the current scope and coverage of the measure is appropriate and in the interests of candidates.