

Mainland Higher Education Expo opens today to introduce information about further studies

The Mainland Higher Education Expo 2025/26, organised by the Ministry of Education (MoE) and the Education Bureau (EDB), is being held today and tomorrow (November 30 and December 1) at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Expo will provide students aspiring to pursue further studies on the Mainland and their parents with information on the arrangements of the Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions (Admission Scheme) for the 2025/26 academic year and other related information.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Expo today, the Acting Secretary for Education, Dr Sze Chun-fai, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the MoE for always according priority to the nurturing of Hong Kong youths and organising a large delegation comprising representatives of Mainland higher education institutions to visit Hong Kong and participate in the Expo every year. He also encouraged aspiring students to seize the opportunity by applying for their preferred Mainland institutions and programmes through the Admission Scheme, to learn and grow together with Mainland students, contribute to the exchange and co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong, and embrace the unlimited opportunities brought by the development of the country and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area during their studies.

He said that the Admission Scheme has entered its 14th year and has achieved good results over the past years. Over 47 000 Hong Kong students had applied under the Scheme for studying at Mainland universities since its implementation in the 2012/13 academic year. The number of participating institutions under the Scheme will increase to 145 for the 2025/26 academic year, providing students with more diverse choices.

Around 140 Mainland higher education institutions will set up exhibition booths to provide information on aspects such as faculties and subjects, admission criteria and the number of admission places. Representatives from the MoE will also provide on-site briefings on application procedures and admission arrangements for the Admission Scheme.

The Expo will also feature a number of sharing sessions, including an introduction by representatives of Mainland institutions on the features of various programmes, experience sharing by Hong Kong students who graduated from Mainland institutions, and analyses of career prospects provided by guest speakers. An online platform (www.studymainland.hk) has also been set up for the Expo, where virtual exhibition booths will be set up by all Mainland higher education institutions participating in the Admission Scheme.

The Expo is open to the public today from 11am to 7pm and tomorrow

(Sunday) from 10am to 6pm at Hall 3DE of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wan Chai. Admission is free. The EDB has collaborated with the China Education Exchange (Hong Kong) Centre and the Hok Yau Club to compile the Handbook on the Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions. The Handbook, which provides comprehensive information on the Admission Scheme and further studies on the Mainland, including information of all participating institutions, programme choices and selection strategies, as well as sharing from graduates, will be distributed free of charge at the Expo. The electronic version (Chinese version only) will also be available on the EDB's website (www.edb.gov.hk/admissionscheme).

In addition, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government launched the Mainland University Study Subsidy Scheme in 2014 to support Hong Kong high school graduates in pursuing undergraduate studies on the Mainland through a means-tested subsidy or a non-means-tested subsidy. The subsidy will be disbursed based on the distance between the locations of the institutions and Hong Kong, which will be grouped into three categories. Details are available on the EDB's website (www.edb.gov.hk/en/edu-system/postsecondary/policy-doc/musss/).