

## Secondary One places allocation results to be released tomorrow

The Education Bureau today (July 6) reminded parents that the results for Secondary School Places Allocation (SSPA) 2020 (including results at the discretionary places (DP) and central allocation (CA) stages) will be announced tomorrow (July 7).

"A total of 54 112 students participated in the SSPA System for this allocation cycle," a spokesman for the bureau said. "Taking into account the total number of students allocated DP and the first three choices through CA, the overall satisfaction rate is 90 per cent. Considering the number of students allocated DP and the first choice through CA, the satisfaction rate is 77 per cent."

The satisfaction rates for DP and CA are:

\* Among the students allocated DP, 63 per cent were allocated the first choice; and

\* For students allocated through CA (including Part A for Unrestricted School Choices and Part B for Restricted School Choices), 83 per cent of students were allocated the first three choices while 62 per cent were allocated the first choice.

"At the DP stage, the maximum DP quota is 30 per cent for each secondary school, and students can apply to a maximum of two schools. At the CA stage, 10 per cent of the CA places are set aside for Unrestricted School Choices in Part A, and students can choose a maximum of three secondary schools from any school net. As for Part B Restricted School Choices, students can choose a maximum of 30 schools within their own school net," the spokesman said.

"We hope parents and students can accept the allocation results with a positive attitude. The learning effectiveness of students does not rest only on the schools to which they are allocated; it hinges more on whether students are prepared to adopt a proactive approach and to learn with a positive spirit. In this connection, it is important for parents to continue to support and encourage their children, rather than let their expectations become a burden on their children."

All Primary Six students participating in this year's SSPA System should return to their schools tomorrow to collect the Allocation Slips and Admission Slips.

The registration period will take place this Thursday and Friday (July 9 and 10). Students must report to the secondary schools allocated during the registration period. In case neither the students (especially cross-boundary students) nor their parents or guardians are able to return to schools and

collect the Allocation Slips and Admission Slips in person, the parents or guardians should authorise a representative in writing in advance to collect the documents and complete the registration procedure on their behalf.

The spokesman reminded that, should any parent or guardian have genuine difficulties in collecting the Admission Slip and registering with the allocated school personally or through an authorised representative, he/she should contact the student's primary school in advance, so that the school will return the Admission Slip of the student concerned to the School Places Allocation Section of the Education Bureau, which will inform the allocated school and make appropriate registration arrangements. Failure to do so will be taken as giving up the place allocated. The parent or guardian concerned should also approach the student's allocated secondary school and provide contact information as soon as possible.

If a tropical cyclone or rainstorm warning signal is issued on the day for announcement of the allocation results or on the days for registration, all school heads and parents should pay attention to announcements on the radio or television for special arrangements.

For enquiries about the allocation results, students and parents may call the Education Bureau's School Places Allocation Section on 2832 7740 or 2832 7700 during office hours.