

Mainland Higher Education Expo 2025/26 to be held on November 30 and December 1

The Mainland Higher Education Expo 2025/26 (Expo), jointly organised by the Ministry of Education and the Education Bureau (EDB), will be held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wan Chai on November 30 and December 1. 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 academic year as well as on students' progression of study.

Participating in the Admission Scheme are 145 Mainland higher education institutions (listed in Annex) from 21 provinces/municipalities and one autonomous region of the Mainland, of which 139 will set up exhibition booths to provide information on aspects such as faculties and subjects, admission criteria and the number of student places. Representatives from the Ministry of Education will also explain the application procedures and admission arrangements of the Admission Scheme on-site.

A number of sharing sessions will be held during the Expo, covering topics including an introduction by representatives of Mainland institutions to the characteristics of individual programmes, discussions of study experiences by Hong Kong students who graduated from Mainland institutions, and analyses of career prospects provided by guest speakers. The Expo also features an online platform (www.studymainland.hk) where all participating Mainland higher education institutions will set up virtual exhibition booths.

In addition, the EDB has collaborated with the China Education Exchange (Hong Kong) Centre and Hok Yau Club to compile the Handbook on the Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions. The handbook provides comprehensive information on the Admission Scheme and further studies on the Mainland. It 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/attachment/tc/edu-system/postsecondary/policy-doc/pilot-scheme/scheme_2025/Handbook2025_26.pdf).

The Ministry of Education has earlier announced detailed arrangements for the Admission Scheme for the 2025/26 academic year. The Mainland higher education institutions participating in the Admission Scheme admit Hong Kong students based on their Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination results, thereby exempting them from taking the Joint Entrance Examination for Mainland Institutions and providing them with multiple study pathways and opportunities to connect with the country's development. The Admission Scheme for the 2025/26 academic year will be open for applications

between December 1 and 31, 2024. Students who will sit for the HKDSE Examination in 2025 and are interested in pursuing further studies on the Mainland can enrol through the website of the Education Examinations Authority of Guangdong Province (eea.gd.gov.cn).

Details of the Admission Scheme are available on the EDB's website (www.edb.gov.hk/admissionscheme).