<u>Secondary One places allocation</u> results to be released tomorrow

The Education Bureau today (July 5) reminded parents that the results for Secondary School Places Allocation (SSPA) 2021 (including results at the discretionary places (DP) and central allocation (CA) stages) will be announced tomorrow (July 6).

"A total of 52 055 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 92 per cent. Considering the number of students allocated DP and the first choice through CA, the satisfaction rate is 81 per cent," a spokesman for the bureau said.

The satisfaction rates for DP and CA are:

- * Among the students allocated DP, 65 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), 87 per cent of students were allocated the first three choices while 67 per cent were allocated the first choice.

"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," the spokesman said.

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. In addition, if parents have provided a mobile phone number on the Secondary One Choice of Schools Form to indicate their consent to receiving the result via that phone number, they will also receive the result of their children via SMS message tomorrow.

The registration period will take place this Thursday and Friday (July 8 and 9). Students must report to the allocated secondary schools during the registration period. In case neither the 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 warning signal or rainstorm warning signal is issued on the day for announcement of the allocation results or on the days for registration, all schools 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 School Places Allocation Section of the Education Bureau on 2832 7740 or 2832 7700 during office hours.