

SED's opening remarks at press conference (with video)

The Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, held a press conference today (May 15). Following is Mr Yeung's opening remarks:

The Government is gravely concerned about the public concerns regarding the HKDSE (Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education) History Examination question on the history of China and Japan in the first half of the 20th century. In response to the incident, the EDB (Education Bureau) will take the following actions:

(1) Next Monday, the EDB will assign a team of colleagues who are familiar with the curriculum and quality assessment to visit the HKEAA (Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority) to investigate the question setting, vetting and approval mechanism under the HKDSE and whether the mechanism has been strictly complied with during the preparation of the examination paper of the History Examination.

(2) We will request the HKEAA to invalidate the examination question concerned and make appropriate adjustments to ensure the credibility and effectiveness of the History Examination.

(3) Although the HKEAA is empowered to plan and conduct the HKDSE, in view of the recent incident, which has aroused public concerns, the EDB will review the existing mechanism and fulfil its role of monitoring the conduct of the HKDSE to ensure the quality of the Examination and the examination papers.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the opening remarks.)