

Virtual Mainland Higher Education Expo 2021/22 to be held from December 5 to 11 (with photo)

The Virtual Mainland Higher Education Expo 2021/22, jointly organised by the Ministry of Education and the Education Bureau (EDB), will be held via the online platform (www.studymainland.hk) from December 5 to 11. 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.

In view of the recent developments of the COVID-19 epidemic, the 127 Mainland higher education institutions participating in the Admission Scheme (listed in the Annex) will set up virtual exhibition booths on the online platform to provide information on aspects such as faculties and subjects, admission criteria, number of student places and tuition fees. Representatives from the Ministry of Education will also explain the application procedures and admission arrangements of the Admission Scheme via live webcast.

A number of sharing sessions will be held during the Expo, covering topics including an introduction of the characteristics of individual programmes by representatives of the Mainland institutions, sharing of study experiences by Hong Kong students who graduated from Mainland institutions, and a career prospect analysis provided by representatives from the education and business sectors, etc. The sharing sessions will be broadcast live on December 5 and 6 (Saturday and Sunday) from 10am to 5.30pm. Playback will be available online thereafter during the Expo.

In addition, the EDB has collaborated with 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 delivered through the schools to all Secondary Six students in Hong Kong starting from mid-December. The electronic version is available at the EDB's website (www.edb.gov.hk/admissionscheme21).

The Ministry of Education has earlier announced the detailed arrangements of the Admission Scheme for the 2021/22 academic year. The number of Mainland higher education institutions participating in the Scheme will increase to 127, coming from 21 provinces/municipalities and one autonomous region of the Mainland. Candidates sitting for the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination in 2021 can apply with their results.

The Mainland higher education institutions participating in the Admission Scheme admit Hong Kong students based on their HKDSE Examination results, hence relieving these students' pressure 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.

Details of the Admission Scheme are available at the EDB's website (www.edb.gov.hk/admissionscheme21).

