

Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination



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HKDSE Certificate

At least one subject achieved:

Level 1 or above
Category A subject

Attained or above
Category B subject

Category C subject*

**Starting from the 2025 HKDSE, candidates will be required to take the stipulated language examinations (French, German, Japanese, Korean, Spanish) administered in Hong Kong by the official cultural organisations which are the official providers of the language examinations concerned. Candidates' results that meet the stipulated proficiency level will be included in the HKDSE Category C results.*

香港考試及評核局
HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY
香港中學文憑考試
HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION

茲證明
This is to certify that

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參加 2021 年香港中學文憑考試，成績如下：
sat the 2021 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination and achieved the following results:

科目 Subject	科目等級 Subject Level / Grade	分部等級 Component Level
甲類學科 Category A Subjects		
中國語文 閱讀 寫作 聆聽與綜合能力	CHINESE LANGUAGE Reading Writing Listening and Integrated Skills	5(Five) 5(Five) 4(Four) 5(Five)
英國語文 閱讀 寫作 聆聽與綜合能力 說話	ENGLISH LANGUAGE Reading Writing Listening and Integrated Skills Speaking	3(Three) 3(Three) 2(Two) 3(Three) 3(Three)
數學 必修部分及延伸部分 (微積分統計)	MATHEMATICS Compulsory Part & Extended Part (Calculus and Statistics)	4(Four) & 3(Three)
通識教育	LIBERAL STUDIES	5("Five")
企業、會計與財務概論 (會計)	BUSINESS, ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STUDIES (ACCOUNTING)	5(Five)
乙類學科 Category B Subjects		
服裝形象設計	FASHION IMAGE DESIGN	達標 Attained
丙類學科 Category C Subjects		
日語 說話能力：良好	JAPANESE LANGUAGE With Merit in Speaking	D(b)
科目總數 Total Number of Subjects	柒 SEVEN	
身分證明文件號碼 Identification Document No.	Z000009(9)	考生編號 Candidate No. : 210000999

註釋見背頁
Explanatory Notes are printed overleaf

證書編號
Certificate No. : 21000001

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秘書長 Secretary General



International Recognition of HKDSE

over 600

Overseas institutions
have recognised
the HKDSE

132

Mainland higher
education institutions
directly admit
HKDSE holders

140

Institutions in Taiwan
accept applications
from students with the
HKDSE qualification

<https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/recognition/>

The Reporting System - Category A Subjects

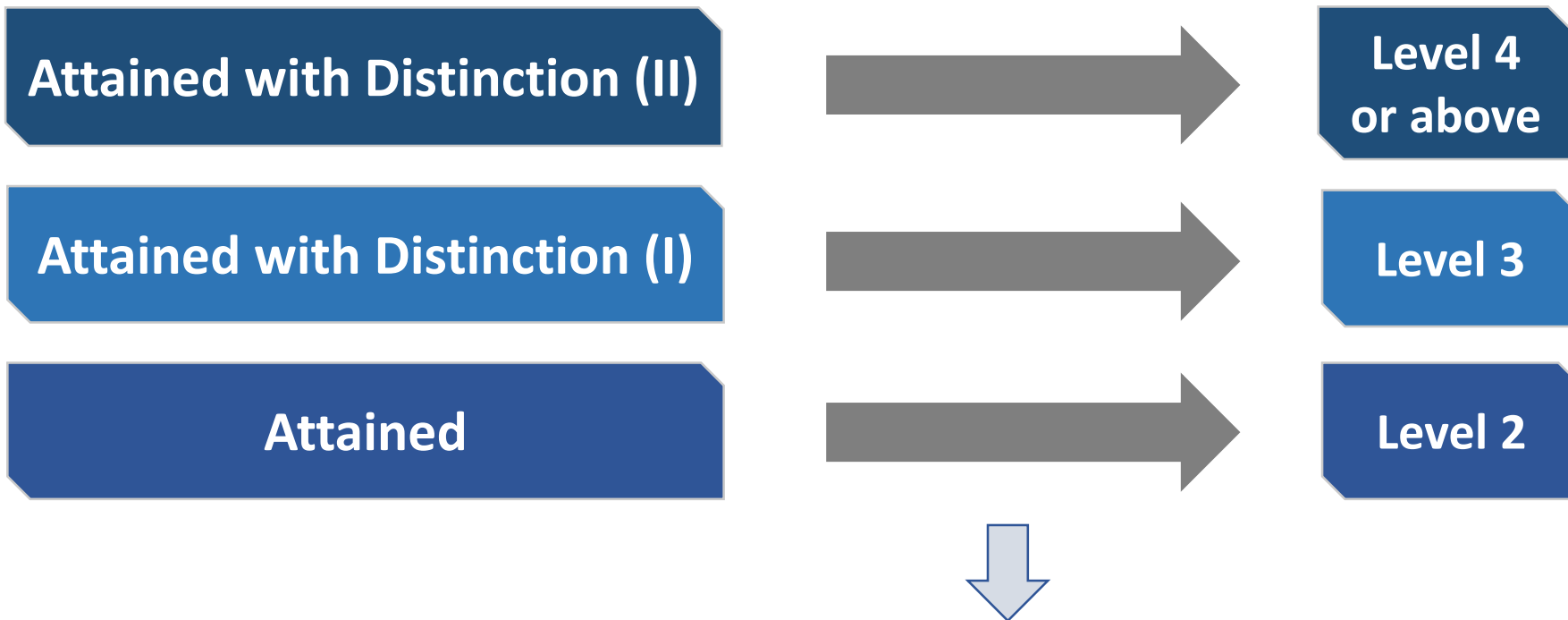
Candidates' performance in Category A subjects is reported in five levels



- Standards-referenced Reporting system is adopted
- Candidates' levels are reported with reference to a set of explicit and fixed standards of performance
- **Descriptors** and **exemplars** are provided to indicate standards required for each level
- Facilitate tertiary institutions and employers to set appropriate entrance/ job requirements

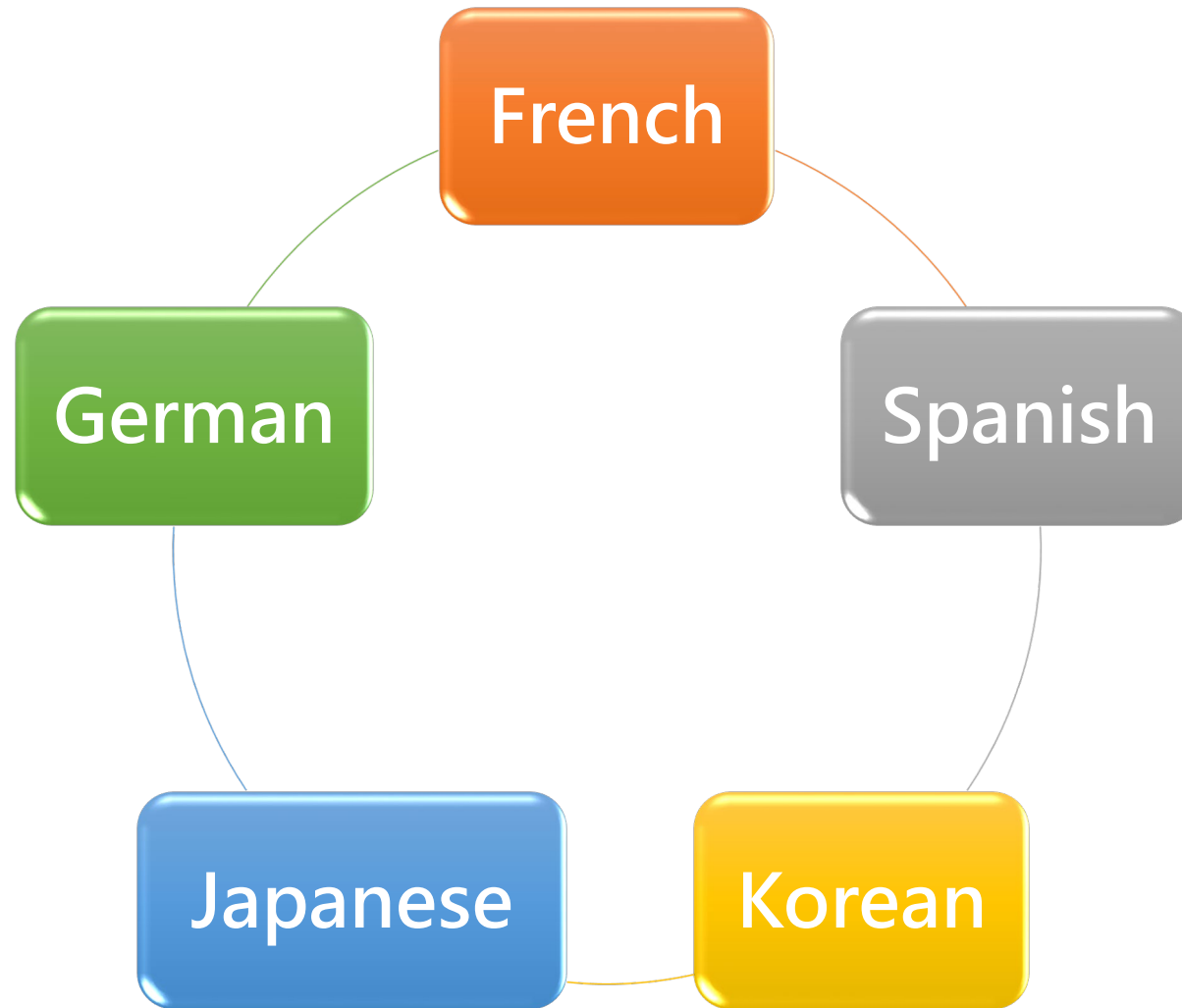
The Reporting System - Category B Subjects

Except for ApL Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students), three levels of performance are reported including:



for admission to sub-degree programmes and relevant civil service appointment

New Arrangements for Category C (Other Languages) Subjects for the 2025 HKDSE and Beyond



New Arrangements

- Candidates are to take the **stipulated official language examinations**
- Candidates will have to **enroll directly** with the administrators of the stipulated language examinations and opt for the respective Category C subject during HKDSE registration
- Candidates' results obtained in these examinations **at the stipulated proficiency level or above** will be included in the HKDSE Category C results
- Candidates may take the language examinations **more than once within the two years preceding the HKDSE they sit** (for example, for the 2025 HKDSE, candidates may take the language examinations in 2023 and 2024, and should complete the examinations by the end of 2024)

Highlights of the Examinations

Relevant Info	Japanese	French	Spanish	German	Korean
Stipulated Language Exam	Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)	(i) Diplôme d'Études de Langue Française (DELF) (ii) Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française (DALF)	Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera (DELE)	Goethe-Zertifikat	Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK)
Exam provider / administrator in HK	Japan Foundation (Exam administrator: Society of Japanese Language Education, Hong Kong)	Alliance Française de Hong Kong	Instituto Cervantes (Shanghái) (Exam administrators: University of Wollongong College Hong Kong, Spanish World HK)	Goethe-Institut Hong Kong	National Institute for International Education (NIIED), Republic of Korea (Exam administrator: Korean International School, Hong Kong)
Issuing organisation	Japan Foundation	French Ministry of Education	Instituto Cervantes, founded by Spanish Govt	Goethe-Institut	National Institute for International Education (NIIED)

Highlights of the Examinations

Relevant Info	Japanese	French	Spanish	German	Korean
Level of exams	Exams at different proficiency levels are offered: N1, N2, N3, N4, N5 (N1 is the highest; N5 is the lowest)	Based on Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Exams at different proficiency levels are offered: DELF: A1, A2, B1, B2 DALF: C1, C2 (C2 is the highest; A1 is the lowest)	Based on Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Exams at different proficiency levels are offered: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2 (C2 is the highest; A1 is the lowest)	Based on Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Exams at different proficiency levels are offered: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2 (C2 is the highest; A1 is the lowest)	TOPIK I: Grade 1 to 2 TOPIK II: Grade 3 to 6 (Grade 6 is the highest; Grade 1 is the lowest)
Language proficiency level required for university entry in respective country	N2 or above	B2 or above	B2 or above	B2 or above (German programs) A1-A2 (programs taught in English)	Grade 3 (university entrance for foreign students) Grade 2 (entrance to some vocational institutes for foreign students)
Language proficiency level(s) to be reported under the HKDSE	N3 or above	A2 or above	A2 or above	A2 or above	Grade 3 or above

Highlights of the Examinations

Relevant Info	Japanese	French	Spanish	German	Korean
Exam paper/ component	Language Knowledge (Vocabulary, Grammar) Reading, Listening	Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking	Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking	Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking	Reading, Writing, Listening
Reporting of results	A passing score is set for each proficiency level. For those who pass the exam will be awarded the qualification of the respective proficiency level.				Results will be reported based on the total scores obtained by candidates. Scores lower than the requirement for Grade 3 (TOPIK II) will be reported as 'Fail'
Exam Schedule (TBC by exam provider)	Jul, Dec	Mar/Apr, Nov	May, Nov	Apr to Jun (flexible, A2 to B2 exam throughout the year)	Apr, Jul, Oct
Schedule for Release of Exam Results	(online/ hardcopy) July exam: August/September December exam: January/March	March/April exam: April/May November exam: Nov/Dec (3 weeks after the exam)	May exam: August November exam: February (about 3 months after the exam)	Apr to Jul (14 days after the exam date depending on candidature)	April exam: May July exam: August October exam: Nov (about 1 month after the exam)
Relevant Website	www.japanese-edu.org.hk/jp/jlpt/en/news.html	www.afhongkong.org/en/exams/	www.uowchk.edu.hk/study-at-uowchk/find-programmes/international-language-proficiency-tests/diplomas-de-espaol-como-lengua-extranjera-dele/	www.goethe.de/ins/cn/en/sta/hon/prf.html	www.topik-hk.org/eng/index.asp

Examination and Registration Arrangements for Category C (Other Languages) Subjects for the 2025 HKDSE and Beyond (Reference)

	2025 HKDSE		
	Enroll directly with the administrators of the stipulated language examinations (Please check with the official cultural organisations for the registration details)		Opt for the respective Category C subject during HKDSE registration (Including all Cat A, B or C elective subjects)
	Examination Period for 2023	Examination Period for 2024	Registration in 2024
Japanese	Jul, Dec		Sept
French	Mar/Apr, Nov		
Spanish	May, Nov		
German	Apr – Jun (Flexible Arrangement)		
Korean	Apr, Jul, Oct		

For details, please visit the HKEAA website:

https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/HKDSE/assessment/subject_information/category_c_subjects/



Category B: Applied Learning Chinese for NCS Students

Subjects (teaching starts in the second term of S4)

Practical Chinese (HKCT)

Chinese in Practical Context (HKBU SCE)

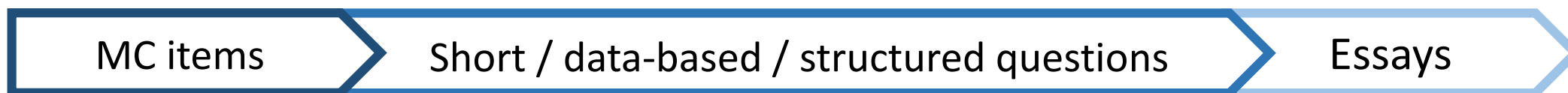
Chinese in Business Service (PolyU SPEED)

Remarks:

ApL C (for NCS students) have been offered since the 2017 HKDSE. Two levels of results, 'Attained' and 'Attained with Distinction', are used. UGC-funded universities and most post-secondary institutions accept ApLC (for NCS students) as an alternative qualification in Chinese Language for the admission of NCS students with 'Attained' as the minimum grade required. 'Attained and 'Attained with Distinction' are accepted by the Civil Service Bureau as meeting the Chinese language proficiency requirements of relevant civil service ranks.

Category A – Public Examination

Written Exam



*Listening and Speaking Tests

Starting from the 2024 HKDSE, applicable to English Language subject only

Details are specified in the HKDSE Assessment Frameworks of each year's examination.

https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/assessment_framework/

Optimising Proposal for the Four Senior Secondary Core Subjects (Starting from 2024 HKDSE)

Generate synergy, release lesson time and enhance curriculum flexibility for creating space for students

Release space to varying degrees in order to cater for students' diverse learning and development needs

Measures to Optimise the Four Senior Secondary Core Subjects (Starting from 2024 HKDSE)

	Weighting of Written Examinations	Weighting of SBA
Chinese Language	85% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1 (Reading) (40%) Paper 2 (Writing) (45%) 	15%
English Language	85% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1 (Reading) (20%) Paper 2 (Writing) (25%) Paper 3 (Listening & Integrated Skills) (30%) Paper 4 (Speaking) (10%) 	15%
Mathematics Compulsory Part	100% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1 (Conventional questions) (65%) Paper 2 (Multiple-choice questions) (35%) <p>A good mastery of Foundation Topics of the Compulsory Part is sufficient for candidates who perform well in the HKDSE Examination Mathematics Compulsory Part to attain up to Level 4 in the Examination</p>	No SBA required
Citizenship and Social Development	100% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results reported will be either 'Attained' or 'Unattained' 	No IES required

Details are specified in the HKDSE Assessment Frameworks https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/hkdse/assessment/assessment_framework/



Category A: School-based Assessment (SBA)

- SBA scores awarded will count towards students' public assessment results
- Assessments administered in schools and marked by the students' own teachers

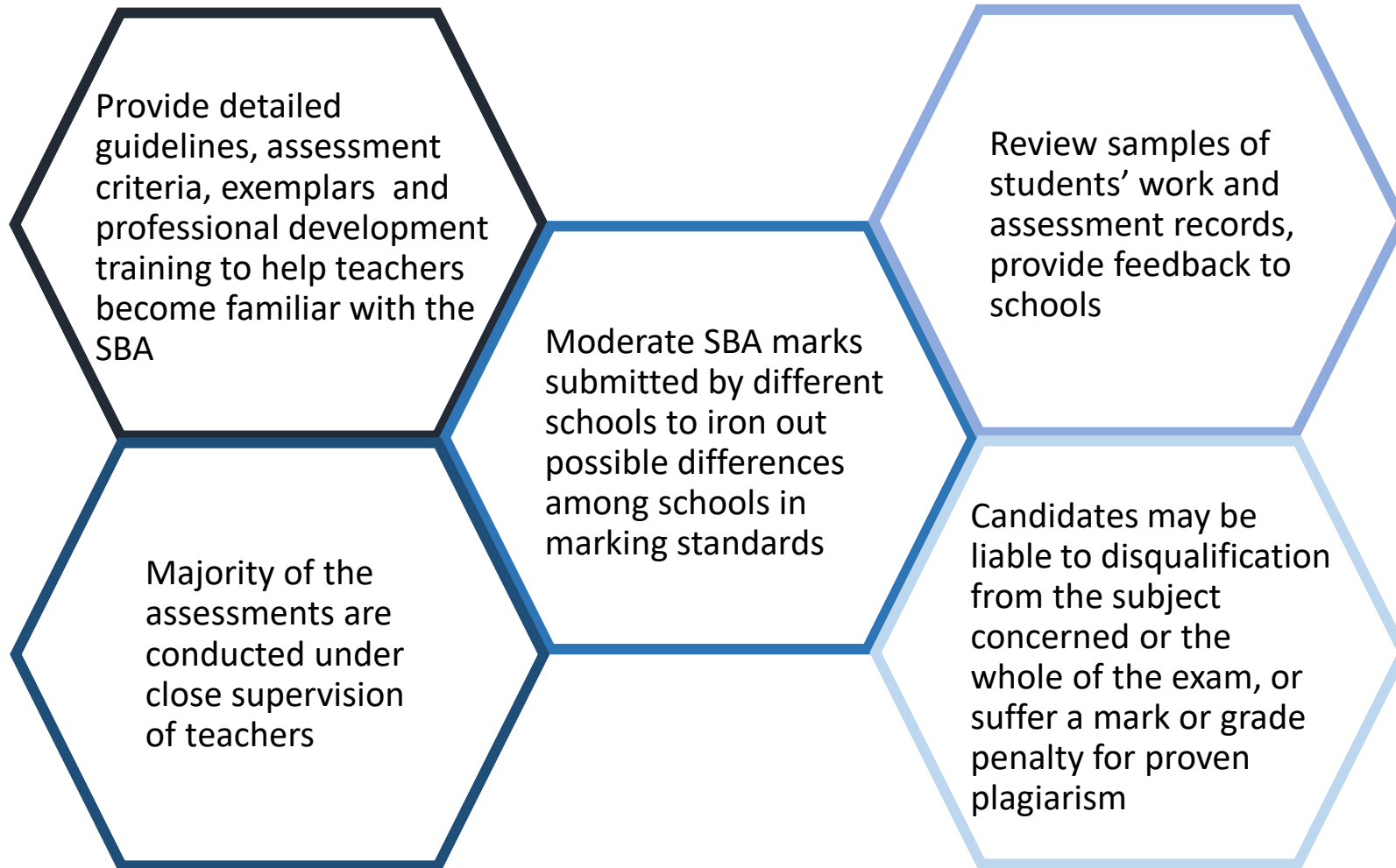
Advantages

Helps students understand their strengths and weaknesses through quality feedback from teachers

Emphasises the assessment of a wide range of abilities and offers a comprehensive appraisal of students' performance

Reduces dependence on the results of public examinations and boosts students' confidence and motivation to learn

How will fairness be ensured in SBA?



HKDSE Category A Subjects: SBA

12 Subjects with an SBA Component

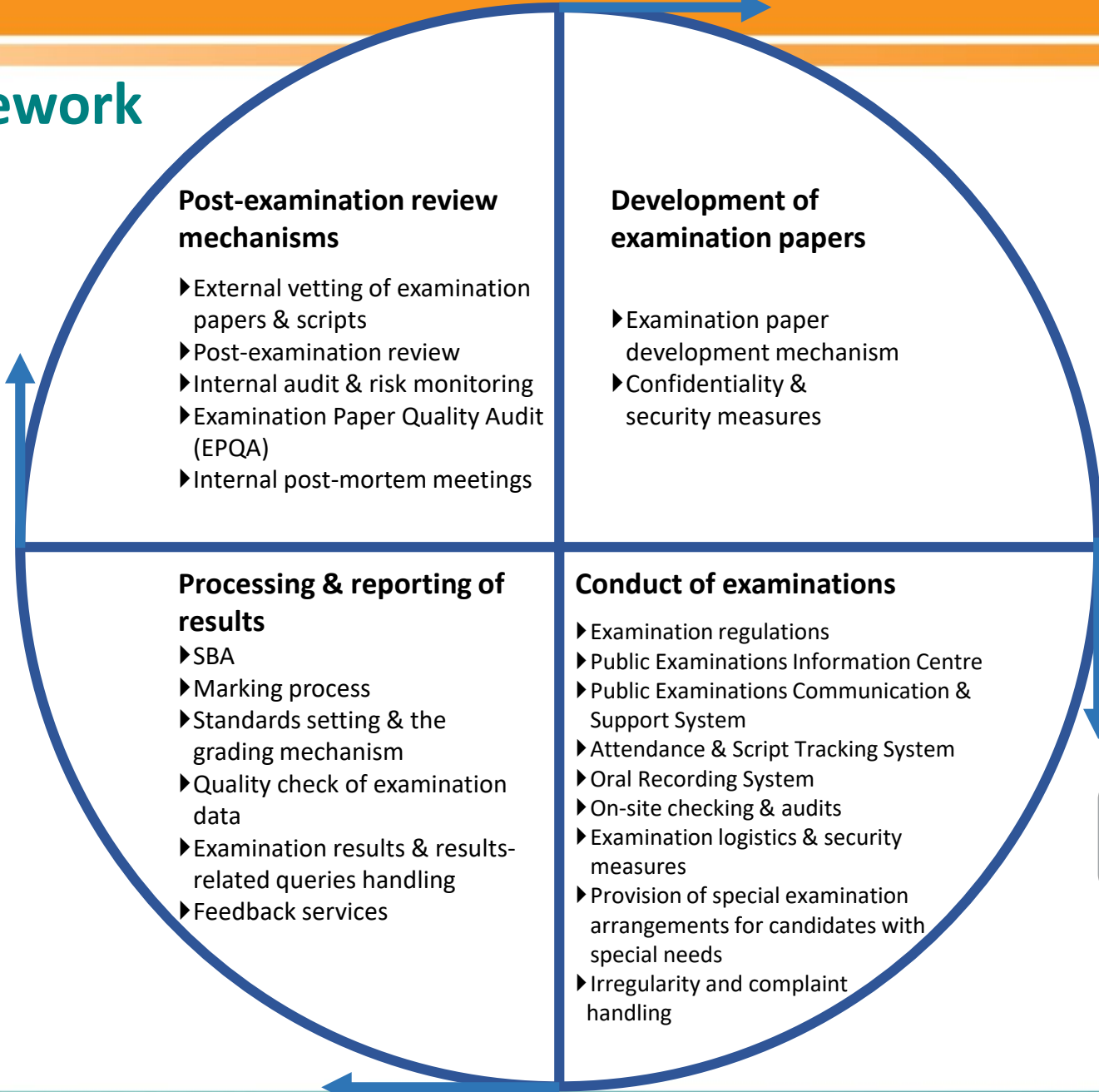
Chinese Language	Chinese Literature	English Language	Literature in English
Health Management and Social Care	Information & Communication Technology	Technology and Living	Design & Applied Technology
Biology	Physics	Chemistry	Visual Arts

For details, please visit the HKEAA website: <https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/sba/introduction/>



Quality Assurance Framework for the HKDSE

HKDSE Recognition



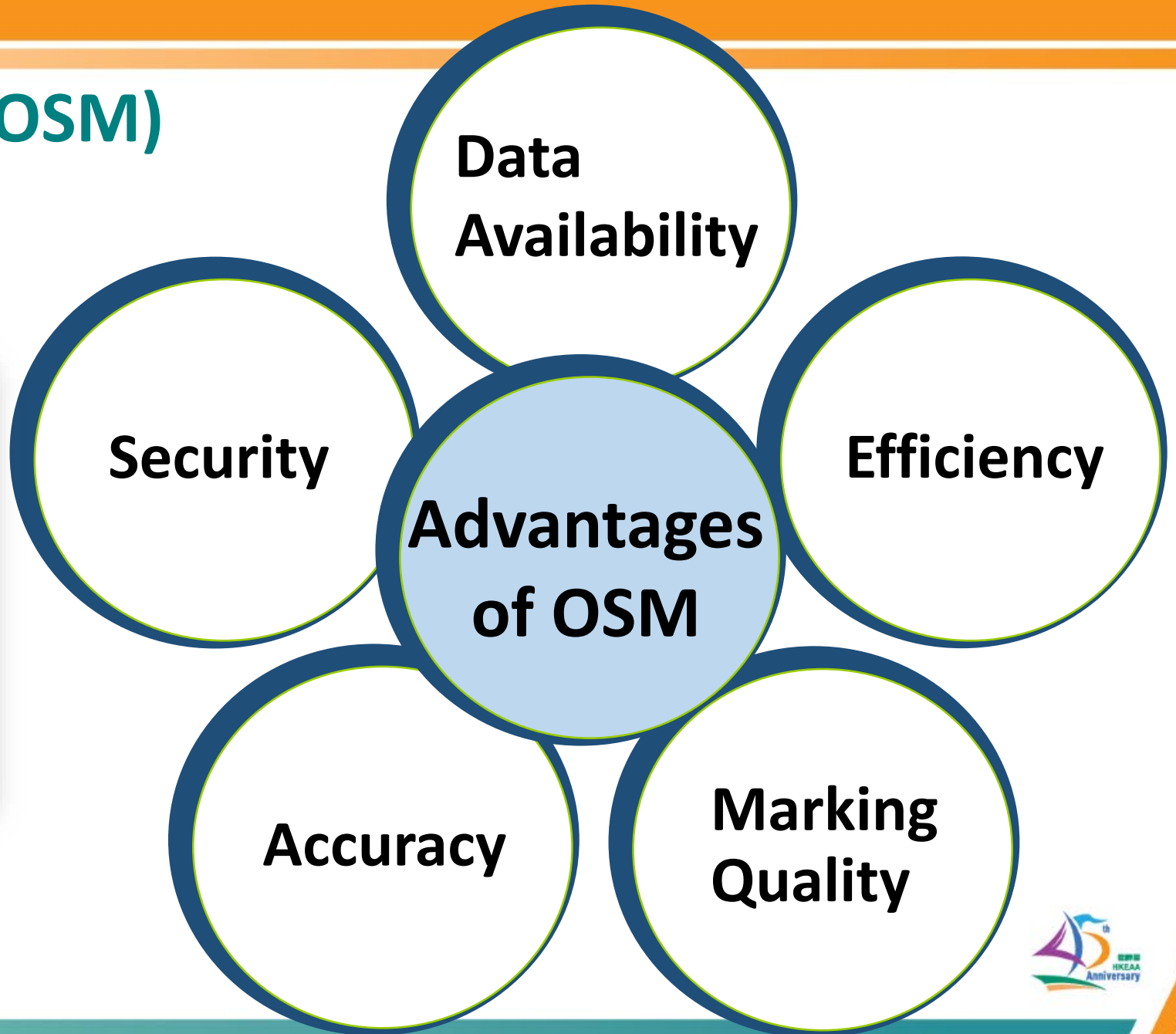
Continuous Improvement

Compliance & Quality of Delivery

Safeguarding of Standards



Onscreen Marking (OSM)



Quality Assurance of OSM

	Paper-based Marking	OSM
Training	Sample scripts	Training, qualifying, control, reference & sample scripts
Checkmarking	1 st & 2 nd checkmarking	1 st , 2 nd & real-time checkmarking
Marking Statistics	Available after completion of marking	Real-time
Remarking	After completion of checkmarking	Real-time
Demote from Marking Retraining	N/A	✓

HKDSE Question Papers & HKDSE Examination Report

2022 HKDSE Question Papers

Provides a comprehensive report on 24 Category A subjects

Including question papers, marking schemes, and examiners' comments and suggestions on candidates' performance

HKDSE Examination Report published in December 2022

Provides information on the overview of the HKDSE Examination and examination statistics for reference of stakeholders

Available on the HKEAA website
https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/exam_reports/

Exemplars of Candidates' Work

Level 5 exemplar 1

Part A

Category A Subjects:
English Language Paper 2 –
2022 Samples of Candidates' Performance

About Hong Kong Adventure Farm (Write about 50 words.)

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Authentic samples of candidates' performances at different levels are available online at

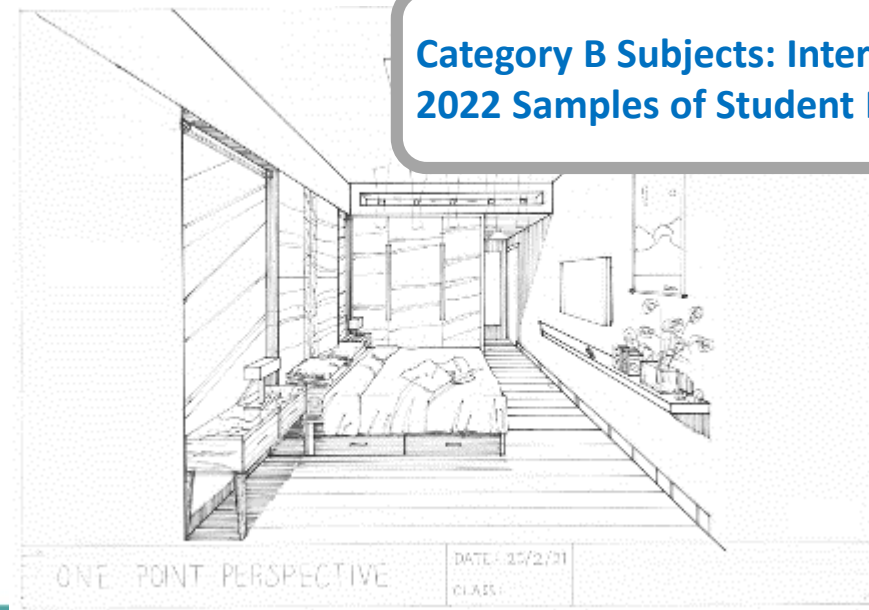
Category A subjects:

http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/

Category B subjects:

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Category B Subjects: Interior Design –
2022 Samples of Student Performance



Thank you

