

## **Expressions of interest invited for vacant school premises/school sites for international school development**

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The Education Bureau (EDB) today (December 28) invited expressions of interest (EoI) for allocation of vacant school premises/school sites for international school development. The deadline is February 21, 2024.

The bureau has identified two vacant school premises/school sites in North Point and Kowloon Tong for possible international school development. The EoI exercise is open to all existing international school operators in Hong Kong and other interested parties which meet the relevant prescribed requirements.

An EDB spokesman said, “The Government is committed to developing a vibrant international school sector mainly to meet the demand for international school places from overseas families living in Hong Kong and families coming to Hong Kong for work or investment.

“The Chief Executive highlighted in the Policy Address 2023 the importance for Hong Kong to continue to trawl for talent and be proactive in competing for enterprises. The talent attraction initiatives have received a positive response since implementation. With an anticipated injection of talent through various talent admission schemes, we see the merit of conducting a School Allocation Exercise offering some 1 000 school places in meeting any surge in education needs of dependant children of incoming talent. Two vacant school premises/school sites are earmarked for the purpose.

“The EoI is the first step for us to ascertain the development needs of the international school sector and their interest in and development preference of the premises/sites identified. Subject to responses received through the EoI, we will proceed with the School Allocation Exercise in 2024. Interested operators who have responded to the EoI and have met the prescribed requirements will be invited to submit detailed proposals for consideration under an open and competitive bidding process.”

In selecting the most appropriate school operators, the EDB will

consider factors that include good organisational structure, proper management, sound financial footing, good track record, proven experience and expertise, and quality of the school proposal, including feasible measures to cater for the needs of target students, especially those from incoming families. Applicants are required to assess the potential demand for the curriculum they propose to offer and how the curriculum would meet the needs of their students.

Interested parties are reminded to read carefully the basic requirements and relevant instructions set out in the note to respondents before submitting the reply form. The note to respondents, detailed infrastructural requirements of the vacant school premises/school sites, and the reply form are available at the EDB website ([www.edb.gov.hk/en/sch-admin/sch-premises-info/allocation-of-sch/sae\\_2023/eoi\\_sae2023.html](http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/sch-admin/sch-premises-info/allocation-of-sch/sae_2023/eoi_sae2023.html)). The completed reply form should be submitted to the Infrastructure, International School and Statistics Division of the EDB on or before February 21, 2024, by post (6/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong) (the postmark date should not be later than the deadline) or by email ([iissd@edb.gov.hk](mailto:iissd@edb.gov.hk)).

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