

HKDSE Level 5 awarded with UCAS Tariff Points**

We are glad to inform you that after a recent benchmarking study on the live data of the actual performance of the 2012 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) Board of the United Kingdom (UK) has approved tariff recommendation for Level 5** of the HKDSE Examination at 145 points for 23 Category A New Senior Secondary subjects, putting it at a slightly higher standard than Grade A* (140 points) in GCE A Level Examination.

The inclusion of tariff points for Level 5** has further enhanced understanding of the standards and value of the HKDSE for progression to tertiary education, serving as an encouragement to the government's effort in promoting acceptance of the HKDSE for entry to overseas universities.

For further details on the UCAS tariff value of the HKDSE, please refer to the press release of the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority through the following link.

http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/MainNews/PR_20121218_eng.pdf

May we also take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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