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I. New Senior Secondary Academic Structure

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New Secondary Schools Academic Structure (3+3+4)

To cope with the challenges of the 21st Century and our demand of rapidly developing knowledge-based society, the Hong Kong Government has recently proposed to launch a new academic structure for senior secondary and university education - a change from the current 5-2-3 system to the new 3-3-4 system. Professor Arthur K.C. Li, Former Secretary for Education and Manpower Bureau, on Wednesday October 20, 2005 launched Reforming the Academic Structure for Senior Secondary Education and Higher Education - Actions for Investing in the Future. This new system will involve changes in curriculum as well as assessment.

This is a landmark document in the history of Education in Hong Kong. It spells out the design of curriculum and assessment, the preparation timetable and the financing considerations to enable us to move to "3+3+4".

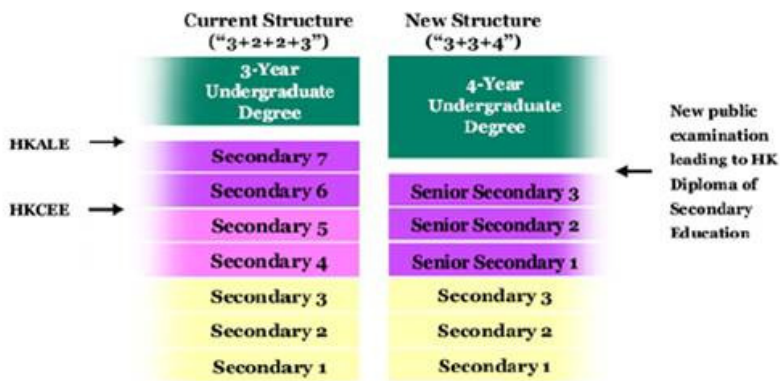
"3+3+4" denotes a change to the structure of the senior secondary school and the university undergraduate degree, from the current system which is called "5+2+3". What these numbers stand for is the time students spend in school and on an undergraduate degree.

At present most students in Hong Kong spend 5 years in secondary school. Only those students who win senior secondary places can have a further 2 years to pursue further studies in Sixth and Seventh Forms. Students who achieve high grades on completion of Seventh Form can then go on to university for a 3-year undergraduate degree.

However, about two thirds of secondary students do not enter the Sixth Form. The primary driver for 3+3+4 is that the Government has endorsed the Education Commission recommendation that ALL students should have 3 years in the lower secondary system (S1 to S3), and a further 3 years in the senior secondary school (S4 to S6). The current S7 year will no longer be part of secondary schooling, but will become part of further education at the tertiary institutions. The 3-year

undergraduate degree will be lengthened by one year and become a 4-year degree.

The move is as significant for Hong Kong education as the introduction in 1978 of 9 years Basic Education for all students..



◇ [Pamphlet on the New Academic System](#)