

## Reference for Parents

### Brief information on the Student Support Programme (SSP) in the 2020/21 school year

The Chinese Language Learning Support Centres (CLLSC) for non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students, which is funded by the Education Bureau, will provide the Student Support Programme (SSP) on Chinese language for NCS students at designated venues from October 2020 to August 2021. The SSP mainly provides services for NCS students from primary one to secondary six. NCS students interested in the SSP should apply through their schools. Admission<sup>1</sup> to the SSP is entirely at the discretion of the Education Bureau.

The SSP aims to facilitate early integration of NCS students into the local education system by enhancing their Chinese language proficiency and help them cope with public examinations and related assessments of the subject of Chinese Language. The SSP neither replaces the Chinese Language curriculum nor any normal Chinese Language lessons for NCS students in their schools. The teaching hours of each SSP class, including the hours for outdoor learning activities, will normally not exceed 120 hours in the school year. If face-to-face classes have to be suspended under special circumstances, online teaching will be arranged.

Participation in the SSP is voluntary and free of charge. Students joining the SSP must attend all the lessons and activities during the school year and abide by the related regulations, e.g. application for leave must be made in written notice, absence from lessons must be supported with reasonable explanations, withdrawal from the SSP must be made in written application, etc.

If the attendance of any student remains unsatisfactory, the Education Bureau has the discretion to reallocate the place to another student. Please urge your enrolled child to attend the SSP according to his / her allocated class. Your cooperation is very important to make the SSP a successful programme in enhancing your child's Chinese proficiency.

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<sup>1</sup> The SSP mainly serves NCS students from primary one to secondary six in public sector schools. If there are remaining places, NCS students from Direct Subsidy Scheme schools with fee remission are also welcome to join.