Heep Yunn School turns DSS in September 2012
1300-strong attendance at first briefing session

Competition for student recruitment among Direct Subsidy Scheme Schools remains as keen as ever, let alone Heep Yunn School, which was given the green light from the Education Bureau to adopt Direct Subsidy mode in September 2012. The School had its Form 1 Admissions briefing today (15 Oct) and had attracted more than 1300 attendees.

At the briefing session, Mr. C.H. Lee, Headmaster of Heep Yunn School, announced that 83 school places would be reserved for non-Heep Yunn Primary School students in the 2012-13 school year – the school’s first cohort in the Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS). Heep Yunn School’s DSS curriculum, Mr. Lee described, is one with foresight. “We have consulted experts in the field and three major initiatives will be launched. Firstly, we aim at implementing small group learning with a teacher-student ratio of 1:20 in our core subject classes (Chinese, English, Mathematics and Integrated Humanities / Liberal Studies). Secondly, a mentorship programme would be set up, allowing students to be directly taken care as mentees to trained teachers. Thirdly, a second foreign language and cultural studies course (such as French and Spanish) as an elective in the curriculum will be introduced. All these initiatives are to provide students with holistic developments and to widen their global perspective.” Students will also be undergoing “Personal Growth Training”, through which they learn to become a self-sufficient and responsible team player and leader, Mr. Lee added.

Abiding by the conditions set by EDB, in the coming six school years from September 2012 to August 2018, a portion of Form 1 school places will be reserved for Heep Yunn Primary School Primary 6 graduates. In the 2012-13 school year, Heep Yunn School will offer 180 Form 1 school places (5 classes of 36 students each), among which 97 will be reserved for Heep Yunn Primary School Primary 6 students, and 83 for open application from all Primary 6 graduates in Hong Kong.

The admission process for Heep Yunn School 2012-13 Form 1 school places began today. Interested parents and students can download the application form from the school website at www.hys.edu.hk, or collect it in person from the school office during office hours or by posting a self-addressed stamped envelope to Heep Yunn School. Deadline for application is 19 November 2011.

There will be 2 rounds of interviews: the first round will be held on 26 November 2011 where teachers will be meeting each applicant individually. 160 applicants will be shortlisted afterwards for individual interviews with the Headmaster or Senior Mistress/Master.

Admission criteria, as set out by the school, are “Interview Performance” (30%), “Academic Ranking” (30%), “Extra-curricular Activities and Awards” (20%) and “Conduct / Attitude” (20%). “Students should be forthright and frank during the interview; they should try their best to answer interview questions, even for those which they do not have direct answers,” Mr. Lee hinted. Portfolios are important, but equally so are their interview performance and general attitude.

When asked about the impact of the Audit Commissioner’s Report on DSS School’s governance issues, Mr. Lee pointed out that the School Council of Heep Yunn School would set up an Internal Audit Committee for this purpose. Chaired by a Council Member with corporate governance experience, the committee would also co-opt independent members with related professional recognition. The committee’s responsibility is to ensure that the resources are well used and effectively disbursed for the benefit of our students.

According to the School, a second briefing session will be arranged on 12 November 2011 for interested parents and students.

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Heep Yunn School (www.hys.edu.hk), founded in 1936, was formed by the amalgamation of the 2 schools founded by the Church Missionary Society – the Fairlea School and Victoria Home and Orphanage. This accounts for the name “Heep Yunn”, meaning the union of the 2 schools through the grace of God, and hence the school motto “In strength and grace we stand united; In faith and love we are committed”. At present, Heep Yunn is a Sheng Kung Hui grant-in-aid school for girls, and one of the 22 Grant Schools in the Grant School Council. In August 2011, the school was given the approval from the Education Bureau to change to Direct Subsidy Scheme mode in September 2012 and onwards. Heep Yunn houses 16 sports teams, 4 choirs, 4 orchestral groups, Chinese, English and Putonghua debating teams, a Drama group and over 60 co-curricular programmes and activities covering a wide range of areas such as languages, humanities, visual arts, sciences, community services and leadership training.

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