**Explanatory Note on the Calculation of Average HKDSE Scores**

- In 2012-13, the **4X + 1 Best Elective** mechanism was adopted in calculating the average HKDSE score for Bachelor’s Degree programmes, which was the average score point total of the 4 core subjects (i.e. Chinese, English, Mathematics and Liberal Studies) and the best elective subject of admittees.

- Starting from 2013-14, one of the following mechanisms is adopted for calculating the average HKDSE scores for Bachelor’s Degree programmes:
  - **4X + 1 Best Elective**: The 4 core subjects including Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and Liberal Studies, plus the "best" elective subject will be taken into account.
  - **Any Best 5 Subjects**: The "best" 5 HKDSE subjects will be taken into account.
  - **Chinese & English Languages + Any Best 3 Subjects**: Chinese Language and English Language, plus any 3 "best" subjects will be taken into account.

- For Higher Diploma programmes, the **Chinese & English Languages + Any Best 3 Subjects** mechanism is used. The average HKDSE score point total of admits is calculated based on their results in Chinese, English and 3 other subjects which have the best results.

When calculating the average HKDSE scores, subject weighting is not applied and HKDSE level attainments are converted to level points as follows:

- **Core and Elective Subjects**
  - 5** = 7, 5* = 6, 5 = 5, 4 = 4, 3 = 3, 2 = 2, 1 = 1 and Unclassified = 0

- **Applied Learning Subjects**:
  - Attained with Distinction (accepted as Level 3 at HKDSE) = 3,
  - Attained = 0 (applicable to Bachelor’s Degree programmes only),
  - Attained (accepted as Level 2 at HKDSE) = 2 (applicable to Higher Diploma programmes only)

- **Other Languages**:
  - A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1, Others = 0