



# Hong Kong's Changing Examination System

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## Current System

### ❖ HK Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE)

- Taken by almost all students at the end of Grade 11
- Typically Chinese, English, Mathematics and 4-5 other subjects
- Norm-referenced approach to grading (A-F, Unclassified)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	U
Chinese	3.2	4.9	9.7	26.4	27.8	14.4	13.6
English	2.0	3.1	11.3	25.0	28.5	16.1	14.0
Maths	3.3	8.7	18.1	23.9	20.5	18.3	7.2

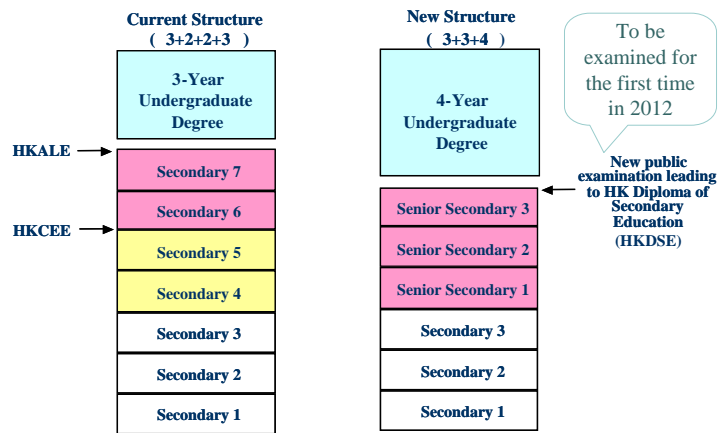
### ❖ HK Advanced Level Examination (HKALE)

- Taken by around a third of the cohort at the end of Grade 13
- Typically Chinese, English and 2-3 other subjects
- Equivalent to UK A-Level, except math and science standards one grade higher than UK

	A	B	C	D	E	F	U
Top 10	2.9	6.0	12.4	27.5	28.8	16.1	6.3



● ● ● New “3+3+4” Structure

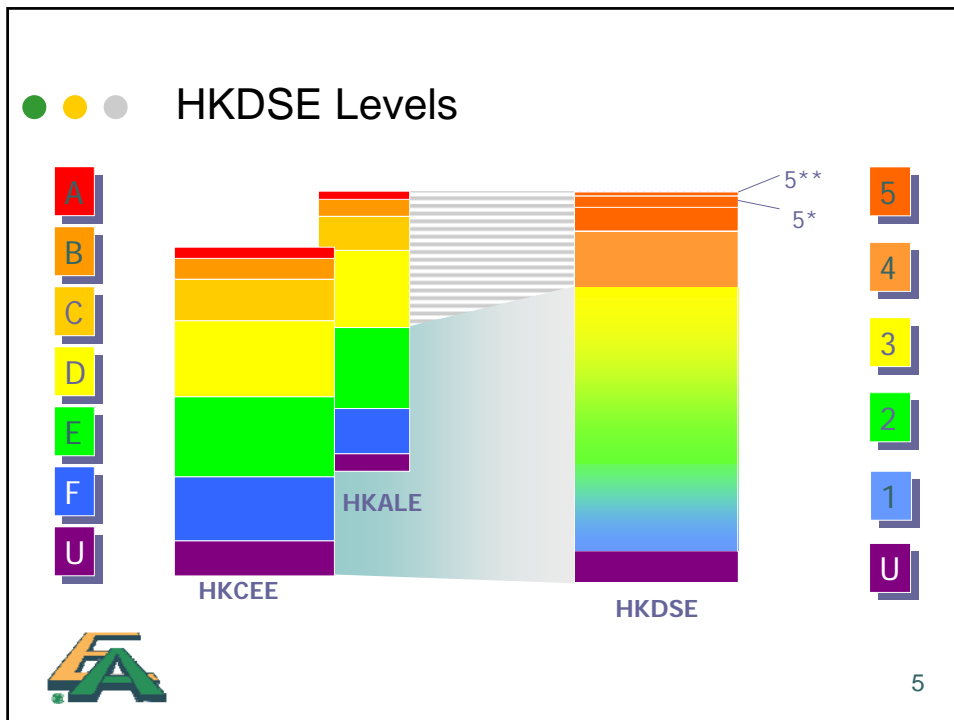



● ● ● New Diploma (HKDSE)

Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)

- ❖ To be taken at the end of Grade 12 by almost all students
- ❖ All take Chinese, English, Mathematics and Liberal Studies, plus 2-3 elective subjects
- ❖ Final assessment to include a component of statistically moderated school-based assessment (10-30%)
- ❖ Standards-referenced reporting (Levels 1-5)
- ❖ Top Level 5 students awarded either 5\* or 5\*\*





- ### ● ● ● Transitional Arrangements
- ❖ HKALE
    - Last cohort in 2012;
    - Small number of repeaters in 2013
  - ❖ HKCEE
    - Last cohort in 2010
    - Starting in 2007, Chinese and English to adopt new approach with levels 1,2,3,4,5,5\*
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## Further Information

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