

Annex to LCQ 18

Annex I:

The average teacher-to-student ratio, class size and number of teaching periods per teacher for aided primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong for the 2004/05 school year:

	Aided primary school	Aided secondary school
Average teacher-to-student ratio	1:19.1	1:18.1
Average class size	32.6	37.3
Average number of teaching periods per teacher per cycle	28	28
Average number of teaching hours per teacher per day	3.3	3.7

Annex II:

The average teacher-to-student ratio, class size and number of teaching periods per teacher per cycle in the 2004/05 school year as compared with the corresponding figures five years ago (i.e. 1999/2000):

	Aided primary school		Aided secondary school	
	1999/2000	2004/05	1999/2000	2004/05
Average teacher-to-student ratio	1:22.4	1:19.1	1:18.8	1:18.1
Average class size	33.6	32.6	37.3	37.3
Average number of teaching periods per teacher per cycle	30	28	29	28

Annex III:

According to the information available on the Internet, the respective average teacher-to-student ratios, class sizes and numbers of teaching hours per teacher per week in the United States, the United Kingdom, the Mainland, Taiwan and Singapore:

(1) Teacher-to-student ratio^{Note 1}

Country/Area	Average teacher-to-student ratio	
	Primary school	Secondary school
Hong Kong	1:19.1	1:18.1
United States	1:15.5	1:15.5
United Kingdom	1:20	1:14.8
Mainland	1:21.9	1:18.8 ^{Note 2}
Taiwan	1:18.3	1:16.5 ^{Note 2}
Singapore	1:24.3	1:19

(2) Class size^{Note 1}

Country/Area	Average class size	
	Primary school	Secondary school
Hong Kong	32.6	37.3
United States	22	23.2
United Kingdom	26	24.2
Mainland	34.4	57.1 ^{Note 2}
Taiwan	29.7	36.2 ^{Note 2}
Singapore	37.7	36.7

(3) Number of teaching hours^{Note 1}

Country/Area	Average number of teaching hours per teacher per week	
	Primary school	Secondary school
Hong Kong ^{Note 3}	16.3	18.7
United States	31.6	31.2
United Kingdom	21.8	19.1
Mainland	15-21	18 ^{Note 2}
Taiwan	14-17	14-17 ^{Note 2}
Singapore	19	18

Note 1

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Note 2

In the case of the Mainland, “secondary school” refers to public junior and senior secondary schools, whereas in the case of Taiwan, it refers to public junior and senior high schools.

Note 3

Figures are calculated on the basis of a 5-day cycle at a 35-minute period for the primary schools and a 40-minute period for the secondary schools in Hong Kong.

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