

### **Background of PIRLS 2011**

PIRLS is administered by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) in a five-year cycle to assess the reading literacy (in mother tongue) of students aged 9 to 10 in the fourth grade. PIRLS 2011 has informed us the longitudinal changes in P4 students' achievement in reading to learn as advocated by the education and curriculum reforms and the relative standard of our students having completed Key Stage I as compared to worldwide counterparts. More than 4 100 P4 students, 3 600 parents as well as more than 130 Chinese Language teachers and principals of primary schools in Hong Kong respectively selected by random sampling participated in PIRLS 2011.

### **Ranking of Grade 4 Students' Reading Achievement**

<b>PIRLS 2006</b>			<b>PIRLS 2011</b>		
Rank	Countries / Regions	Mean Score	Rank	Countries / Regions	Mean Score
1	Russia	565	<b>1</b>	<b>Hong Kong SAR</b>	<b>571</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hong Kong SAR</b>	<b>564</b>	2	Russian Federation	568
3	Canada (Alberta)	560	2	Finland	568
4	Singapore	558	4	Singapore	567
4	Canada (British Columbia)	558	5	Northern Ireland	558
6	Luxembourg	557	6	United States	556
7	Canada (Ontario)	555	7	Denmark	554
8	Italy	551	8	Croatia	553
8	Hungary	551	8	Chinese Taipei	553
10	Sweden	549	10	Ireland	552
11	Germany	548	10	England	552
12	Netherlands	547	12	Canada	548
12	Belgium (Flemish)	547	13	Netherlands	546
12	Bulgaria	547	14	Czech Republic	545
15	Denmark	546	15	Sweden	542
16	Canada (Nova Scotia)	542	16	Italy	541
17	Latvia	541	16	Germany	541
18	United States	540	16	Israel	541

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19	England	539	16	Portugal	541
20	Austria	538	20	Hungary	539
21	Lithuania	537	21	Slovak Republic	535
22	Chinese Taipei	535	22	Bulgaria	532
23	Canada (Quebec)	533	23	New Zealand	531
24	New Zealand	532	24	Slovenia	530
25	Slovak Republic	531	25	Austria	529
26	Scotland	527	26	Lithuania	528
27	France	522	27	Australia	527
27	Slovenia	522	28	Poland	526
29	Poland	519	29	France	520
30	Spain	513	30	Spain	513
31	Israel	512	31	Norway	507
32	Iceland	511	32	Belgium (French)	506
	PIRLS Scale Centerpoint	500	33	Romania	502
33	Moldova	500		PIRLS Scale Centerpoint	500
34	Belgium (French)	500	34	Georgia	488
35	Norway	498	35	Malta	477
36	Romania	489	36	Trinidad and Tobago	471
37	Georgia	471	37	Azerbaijan	462
38	Macedonia	442	38	Iran, Islamic Rep. of	457
39	Trinidad and Tobago	436	39	Colombia	448
40	Iran	421	40	United Arab Emirates	439
41	Indonesia	405	41	Saudi Arabifa	430
42	Qatar	353	42	Indonesia	428
43	Kuwait	330	43	Qatar	425
44	Morocco	323	44	Oman	391
45	South Africa	302	45	Morocco	310

## Analysis of Grade 4 Students' Reading Performance

	<b>PIRLS 2006</b>	<b>PIRLS 2011</b>
Overall mean score	564 (Ranked 2nd)	<b>571</b> <b>(Ranked 1st)</b>
Average score for informational reading	568 (Ranked 1st)	<b>578</b> <b>(Ranked 1st)</b>
Average score for literary reading	557 (Ranked 4th)	<b>565</b> <b>(Ranked 4th)</b>