

Details of Secretary for Education's Duty Visits from 1 July 2012 (Assumption of Office) to 7 December 2014

Date	Destination	Purpose and main itinerary	No. of officials in entourage	No. of non-officials in entourage	Flight mileage awards earned	Class of hotel accommodation as indicated by the hotels	Expenditure incurred (HK\$)
16 to 17 July 2012	Beijing	To pay a courtesy call to the Ministry of Education.	5	-	-	Four-star	63,500
11 October 2012	Shenzhen	To attend an approving ceremony held by the Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen) and take a tour of the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital.	2	-	-	-	3,400
27 to 30 January 2013	UK	To attend the annual Education World Forum upon invitation and deliver a speech sharing Hong Kong's experience in education and promote Hong Kong's role as a regional education hub. Attendees included dozens of education ministers from	5	-	14 958	Four-star	385,300

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		around the world.					
10 to 17 March 2013	Canada and USA	To promote the recognition of the New Academic Structure and the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education, boost Hong Kong's role as a regional education hub, and study the policies and measures of kindergarten education in the USA and Canada.	5	1	19 819	Four-star	719,600
29 May to 1 June 2013	Korea	(a) To study kindergarten education with representatives from the Committee on Free Kindergarten Education; and (b) To study the use of information technology in education with	6	2	2 570	Five-star	156,386

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		representatives from the Hong Kong Education City.					
25 to 26 June 2013	Singapore	To officiate at the International Student Seminar upon invitation and deliver a speech as officiating guest of the Vocational Training Council and local vocational training organisations in support of over 300 participating Hong Kong teachers and students, and exchange views with Singaporean education officials and organisations.	1	-	1 592	Five-star	32,179
8 July 2013	Shenzhen	To pay a courtesy call on and exchange views with officials of the Shenzhen	5	-	-	-	3,124

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		Municipal Education Bureau, and visit schools for Hong Kong children.					
28 July to 2 August 2013	Singapore and Australia	To lead the Committee on Free Kindergarten Education to study the kindergarten education in Australia, and taking the same opportunity to study the use of information technology in education in Singapore.	5	5	7 748	Five-star	589,509
25 September to 1 October 2013	Shanghai and Beijing	To lead the National Day Delegation from the Education Sector of about 100 members to participate in activities and exchange views with local officials and organisations in Shanghai and Beijing; and	6	-	2 520	Five-star	116,159

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		to study the secondary schools history curriculum and vocational education in of both cities.					
2 to 3 December 2013	Guangzhou and Nansha	To pay a visit to the research institute of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in Nansha and pay courtesy calls on officials of the Department of Education of Guangdong Province and the Bureau of Education of Guangzhou Municipality to exchange views on higher education policy.	5	-	-	Five-star	24,798
15 to 17 December 2013	Indonesia	To lead some 100 secondary students for an exchange visit to Jakarta and meet with Indonesian education	3	-	5 058	Five-star	52,736

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		officials and organisations to exchange views on education policy and cooperation matters, promote Hong Kong's role as a regional education hub, and encourage cooperation and exchange on education matters between Hong Kong and member nations of ASEAN.					
19 to 23 January 2014	UK	To attend and deliver a speech at the annual Education World Forum upon invitation. To introduce the achievements, latest developments and priorities of Hong Kong in education and to exchange views with other ministers	4	-	14 958	Three-star	326,954

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		on education policy and future developments in education (especially the application of information technology). Attendees included dozens of education ministers from around the world.					
28 February to 2 March 2014	Shanghai	To attend the International Convention on Science of Learning upon invitation. To listen to and exchange with prominent learning scientists from around the world sharing their expertise in different aspects of education, including social influences on learning; language, bilingualism and multicultural learning; and	4	6	1 948	Five-star	74,646

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		technologies for learning purposes.					
27 to 30 March 2014	New Zealand	To attend the annual International Summit on the Teaching Profession upon invitation. To examine the best practices worldwide for strengthening the teaching profession and raising student achievements. Attendees included more than 200 education officials and teacher representatives from around the world.	2	2	14 242	Five-star	113,807
19 to 24 May 2014	Belgium and Finland	To pay a duty visit to the European Union (EU) and Finland to observe their education systems. To strengthen Hong Kong's education ties with EU	4	1	17 943	Four-star	457,539

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		countries and learn more about the latest developments and good practices in the EU system, particularly in vocational education, multilingual education, teacher training as well as the use of information and communication technology in education.					
29 June to 3 July 2014	Beijing and Shanghai	To lead the “Passing on the Torch” Mainland Exchange Programme delegation comprising more than 600 students and teachers to visit Beijing and Shanghai. To let participants see for themselves the cultural heritage, latest	6	7	2 520	Five-star	77,929

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		developments, and challenges and opportunities on the Mainland through a series of visits and exchange activities.					
31 July to 2 August 2014	Ningbo	To lead a delegation of the Hong Kong education sector (about 50 people) to Ningbo to participate in a series of Ningbo-Hong Kong education exchange activities. To give opening remarks and witness the signing of education cooperation documents by higher education and vocational education institutions as well as sister school agreements by primary and secondary	6	-	1 766	Five-star	62,025

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		schools of the two places.					
21 August 2014	Shenzhen	To meet with the Director of the Shenzhen Municipal Education Bureau. To exchange views on education issues of mutual concern (including the issue of cross-boundary students) in order to deepen cooperation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen.	5	-	-	-	1,946
30 to 31 October 2014	Hangzhou	To officiate at a launching ceremony for an online exchange platform for Zhejiang and Hong Kong sister schools upon invitation, as well as attending a forum on digital education. To deliver a speech at the forum and	2	-	1 698	Four-star	22,131

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		witness the signing of agreements between two pairs of schools in Hong Kong and Zhejiang to form sister schools.					
3 to 8 November 2014	Germany and Switzerland	To lead an education delegation to visit Germany and Switzerland to study their vocational education systems and good practices in promoting young persons' career development.	4	3	15 876	Five-star (Germany) Four-star (Switzerland)	372,780
5 to 7 December 2014	Nanjing	To lead a delegation of Hong Kong secondary school students studying Chinese History (with over 200 students and teachers) to participate in the "Passing on the Torch" Platform Programme Series: An	2	2	1 464	Five-star	24,891

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		Exploration into the History and Culture in Nanjing. It is hope that the on-site visit and expert analysis will enable student participants to look into the historical developments of the country from multiple perspectives.					

Note : Total expenditure included the accommodation, travelling expenses and subsistence allowance for duty visit outside Hong Kong (according to the Civil Service Regulations 713 on Subsistence Allowance) and other miscellaneous expenditure related to the duty visit outside Hong Kong for the Secretary for Education, his entourage and non-official entourage. Expenditure on entertainment excluded.