

## **Background of PISA 2018**

The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2018 was conducted under the auspices of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), with 79 countries/economies participating in the study. The international study aims to assess the mother-tongue reading, mathematical and scientific literacy of 15-year-old students, collect data on factors that can help explain differences in performance, and evaluate the effectiveness of the education systems in participating countries/economies.

PISA has been conducted in three-year cycles since 2000. PISA 2018 is the seventh cycle. The main study of Hong Kong PISA 2018 was conducted from April to May 2018. A total of 6 037 15-year-old students from 152 secondary schools participated in PISA 2018, in which 1 789 students participated in the cognitive test of Global Competence.

### **Ranking of Global Competence Performance**

Rank	Countries/Economies	Mean score
1	Singapore	576
2	Canada	554
3	Hong Kong, China	542
4	United Kingdom	534
5	Chinese Taipei	527
6	Spain	512
7	Korea	509
8	Croatia	506
9	Latvia	497
10	Israel	496
11	Lithuania	489
12	Greece	488
13	Slovak Republic	486
14	Russia	480
15	Malta	479
16	Chile	466
17	Serbia	463
18	Colombia	457
19	Costa Rica	456
20	Brunei Darussalam	429
21	Albania	427
22	Thailand	423
23	Panama	413
24	Indonesia	408

25	Kazakhstan	408
26	Morocco	402
27	Philippines	371

\* Average score of all participating countries/economies was 474.