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*By Post*

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Mr Cosmo BEATSON  
Executive Director  
Vision First  
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Hong Kong

Dear Mr Beatson,

**Re: SFAA Waivers for Refugee Children**

Thank you for your letter of 27 July 2015.

We have relayed your concerns to the Education Bureau (EDB) and the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA) for their consideration.

As advised by the WFSFAA, its Student Finance Office (SFO) offers financial assistance to needy families who can pass the means test and whose student-applicants are Hong Kong residents under the existing arrangement. That said, the SFO is prepared to consider applications from non-Hong Kong residents, including those who are non-refoulement claimants (claimants), on a case-by-case basis where strong humanitarian and compassionate grounds exist.

At present, minors of the claimants may be granted, on a case-by-case basis, financial assistance for primary and secondary students, including school textbook assistance, student travel subsidy and subsidy for internet access charges. Subject to the checking of the information submitted by the claimants, including identity documents issued by the

Immigration Department and school placement letter issued by the EDB, the SFO will issue Eligibility Certificate to them in August, the earliest, for the schools concerned to confirm the enrolment information of the minors. Payment of the financial assistance will then be disbursed to the claimants in around October upon receipt of the schools' confirmation on their children's enrolment status, which aligns with the disbursement arrangement for financial assistance to all new applicants.

As regards the kindergarten students, minors of the claimants may be granted fee remission under the Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme (KCFRS) subject to similar procedures as mentioned above. To qualify for a month's fee remission under the KCFRS, student-applicants must have attended school and paid the school fee in that month. In accordance with the established arrangements and principles of disbursing fee remission to applicants under the KCFRS, claimants also receive fee remission in end September, the earliest.

Should you have any queries, please contact Mr YP YU of the EDB at 2863 4696 and/or Mr Lawrence LAU of the WFSFAA at 2154 2838.

Yours sincerely,



( Ms Zorina Wan )

for Secretary for Security

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Secretary for Education  
(Attn: Mr YP YU)

Head of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency  
(Attn: Mr Lawrence LAU)

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