A Comparison of the Current and the New Academic Structures

**Current Structure (3+2+2+3)**
- 3-year Undergraduate Degree
- Secondary 7
- Secondary 6
- Secondary 5
- Secondary 4
- Secondary 3
- Secondary 2
- Secondary 1

**New Structure (3+3+4)**
- 4-year Undergraduate Degree
- Secondary 6
- Secondary 5
- Secondary 4
- Secondary 3
- Secondary 2
- Secondary 1

**Examinations**
- HKALE
- HKCEE

**Timeline**
- 2006/07 school year
- 2012
- New Senior Secondary
- New public examination leading to HK Diploma of Secondary Education
- 2016 1st cohort of graduates

NSS Information Kit
Benefits of Change

- One public examination
- All students study through to S6
- Breadth and depth of senior secondary education (diversification)
- Smoother pathways for further study and work
- 4-year university programme

- Increasing learning time and space and enhancing learning effectiveness
- Meeting challenge of knowledge-based society of Hong Kong
- Developing the full potential of students with different learning aptitudes and interests
- Providing opportunities for young people to engage in study and/or work
- Providing a more comprehensive and balanced education