Dear Sir/Madam,

Leaflets on the
Tertiary Student Finance Scheme – Publicly-funded Programmes,
Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students and
Non-means Tested Loan Scheme

The Student Financial Assistance Agency is responsible for the administration of a number of financial assistance schemes which provide financial assistance to students, from kindergartens up to tertiary levels. The aim is to ensure that no student will be denied access to education because of lack of means.

The Tertiary Student Finance Scheme – Publicly-funded Programmes (TSFS) is one of these schemes, which provides means-tested financial assistance in the forms of grant and/or loan to needy students studying post-secondary education in Hong Kong. The Non-means Tested Loan Scheme (NLS), which was introduced in 1998/99 academic year, complemented the TSFS by providing financial assistance in the form of loans to eligible students.

Starting from 2001/02 academic year, we have also introduced the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students (FASP) and the Non-means Tested
Loan Scheme for Post-secondary Student (NLSPS). The FASP provides financial assistance to needy full-time students pursuing accredited, self-financing post-secondary education programmes, leading to a qualification at or above the levels of higher diploma, associated degree and/or professional diploma. The NLSPS complements the FASP by providing loan to meet the tuition fees and basic living expenses.

In order to enhance awareness of senior secondary students of the availability of the TSFS, NLS, FASP and NLSPS, attached please find “How to Apply” leaflet on financial assistance under the TSFS and FASP, and information notes on the NLS. You may wish to post them on notice boards for your senior secondary students' information, or duplicate them for distribution among your students.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Ms. Nancy LI at 2150 6058. You may also visit our web site http://www.sfaa.gov.hk if you wish to know more about our Agency and the schemes.

Yours faithfully,

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