

# School Subjects Introduction

## Geography

### I. Aims

Geography as a discipline enables us to understand the Earth we are living in from a spatial perspective. It offers a systematic framework for enquiry into questions about the world that surrounds us.

Geography as a secondary school subject enables students to explore and understand the relationship between human beings and the Earth through the study of space, place and environment.

### II. Curriculum Structure

**Compulsory Part** (7 geographical issues and problems)

Living with our physical environment

(1) Opportunities and Risks --- Is it rational to live in hazard-prone areas?

(2) Managing Rivers and Coastal Environments: A continuing challenge

Facing changes in the human environment

(3) Changing Industrial Location --- How and why does it change over space and time?

(4) Building a Sustainable City --- Are environmental conservation and urban development mutually exclusive?

Confronting global challenges

(5) Combating Famine --- Is technology a panacea for food shortage?

(6) Disappearing green Canopy --- Who should pay for the massive deforestation in rainforest regions?

(7) Global Warming --- Is it fact or fiction?

### Elective Part

2 out of 4 electives

(1) Dynamic earth: the building of Hong Kong

(2) Weather and Climate

(3) Transport Development, Planning and Management

(4) Regional Study of Zhujiang (Pearl River) Delta

