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March 22, 2018

Professor Frederick Koon-Shing Leung Faculty of Education

Dear Professor Leung,

Application for Ethics Approval HREC's Reference Number: EA1803036

I refer to your application for ethics approval of your project entitled "Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2019 in Hong Kong".

2. I am pleased to inform you that the application has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) regarding the ethical aspect of the above-mentioned research project, and the expiration date of the ethical approval is March 21, 2022.

3. Starting from April 1, 2015, the HREC's reference number of your project (i.e. EA1803036) has to be shown in all materials sent to potential and actual participants to enable participants to link the materials to an approved project.

4. You are reminded to report to the Committee any amendments and new information on the project. Any deviation from the study protocol or compliance incident that has occurred during a study and may adversely affect the rights, safety or well-being of any participant or breaches of confidentiality should be reported to the HREC within 15 calendar days from the first awareness of the deviation/incident by the PI. Application for amendment(s) of an approved project including project extension should be submitted using a prescribed form which can be downloaded from the Research Services homepage

(<u>http://www.rss.hku.hk/integrity/ethics-compliance/hrec</u>). Application for extension should be submitted well before the initially approved expiration date.

Yours sincerely,

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