Evaluation report regarding the use of DLG (Gifted Programmes) 2012-2013
(F.4 Mathematics Olympiad Class)

1. **Brief summary of the programme**
The class was held in both the first and the second term. It was conducted by an experienced Mathematics tutor from Pui Ching Education Centre. Fourteen top F.4 and F.5 Mathematics students were recommended to join the course. A total of twenty 1.5 hour-lessons were conducted.

2. **Evaluation methods on student learning**
The attendance rate of the class and students' feedback noted in the evaluation forms were analysed.

3. **Key findings**
   - The overall attendance rate was only 65%. The low attendance rate was due to various clashes with the school's Global Experience Programmes, which caused some students to miss quite a number of lessons. Besides, two students quit the course in April 2013 as they were occupied with too many activities and could not manage the course well.
   - From the evaluation forms collected from students, 60% of the students agreed that the class was effective and 80% of the students agreed that the contents of the class were appropriate. However, some students reflected that the tutor in the first term was slightly below their expectation. This was reflected to the company, and the company a better tutor was provided in the second term.

4. **Conclusions and recommendations**
Due to the poor class attendance, it is recommended that the class should not be run by an external company next year. The process of tendering to hire an external service provider results in a lack of flexibility, i.e. the class must be conducted on fixed days of a week. It is recommended that a smaller class taught by an internal staff member should be held next year, and hence budget from DLG for this course is not required for next year.