

ETS collaborates with Eduassess in the development of an English-language assessment

Background

The Beijing Assess Huikai Educational Science & Technology Development Co., Ltd. (Eduassess), China, and ETS are collaborating under a five-year contract (starting 2008) to develop the Achievement Levelling Testing System (ALTS) Level V English-language assessment in China.

The ALTS Level V assessment is aimed at all Chinese middle-school students, and those test takers who have reached the English level of middle school students. ALTS will provide an authoritative, fair and valid assessment that will be used as part of a new English proficiency testing and assessment system for students who are transitioning to high schools. It will also be used by school students and English learners for self-assessment.

Role of ETS Global

ETS designed an ALTS Level V test pilot that was launched in the spring of 2008. Under the arrangement, ETS is also responsible for the development, scoring and data analysis of the operational ALTS test set to launch in December 2008, as well as aiding Eduassess in other aspects of the assessment programme.