Seven special needs students pass A-level exams with flying colours

Suffering from congenital muscular atrophy since birth, Mr Ching has great difficulty controlling his muscles: "I have been using a wheelchair since I was a very small child," he said.

Given his condition, the authority extended the exam time allowed to him by 60 per cent and arranged for him to answer questions using a computer.

"I answered HKCEE exam questions with my hand but I found it exhausting. As A-level exams involve much more writing, I applied to take the exams using a computer. Even typing is tiring for me sometimes," he said.

Mr Ching, who plays boccia, attributed his good performance to a clearly defined goal. "People who have disabilities cannot do physically demanding work. I always know what I want to do. I hope that I can work in the field of accounting and I have striven hard towards this goal."

He said he had overcome great odds to attain his exam performance.

"I study for 10 hours every day. While others can usually finish five chapters of mathematics exercises in one day, I can only do two chapters. That's why I have to work extra hard."

According to figures released by the authority, special arrangements were provided for 161 A-level candidates this year. These included extension of exam time because of physical needs and arranging candidates to sit exams at hospitals.