IDEALS Login Guide

Schools that have subscribed to the **IDEALS system** through QEF e-Learning Ancillary Facilities Programme (eLAFP) - EdCity can use the **IDEALS Portal** as the front gate to access the IDEALS platform. The portal enables single sign-on (SSO) to connected systems, including **Learning Design Studio (LDS)** and **iLAP-IDEALS**.

This guide explains how to log in to the **IDEALS Portal** and access its connected systems using **Single Sign-On (SSO)**.

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Introduction

Welcome to the IDEALS Login Guide.

This guide provides step-by-step instructions for logging into the IDEALS Portal and accessing connected systems, including LDS (Learning Design Studio) and iLAP-IDEALS.

Currently, the IDEALS Portal is the official platform for single sign-on (SSO) into all IDEALS sub-systems: Learning Design Studio (LDS) and iLAP-IDEALS.

> Before proceeding, please refer to the "Prerequisite" section to check if you are eligible to use the IDEALS System.

Prerequisite

Ensure your school has subscribed to the IDEALS system through EdCity and has received confirmation that the setup is complete.

For Subscription details, please visit QEF e-Learning Ancillary Facilities Programme (eLAFP) - EdCity: https://web.edcity.hk/en/elafp/project/20210212/

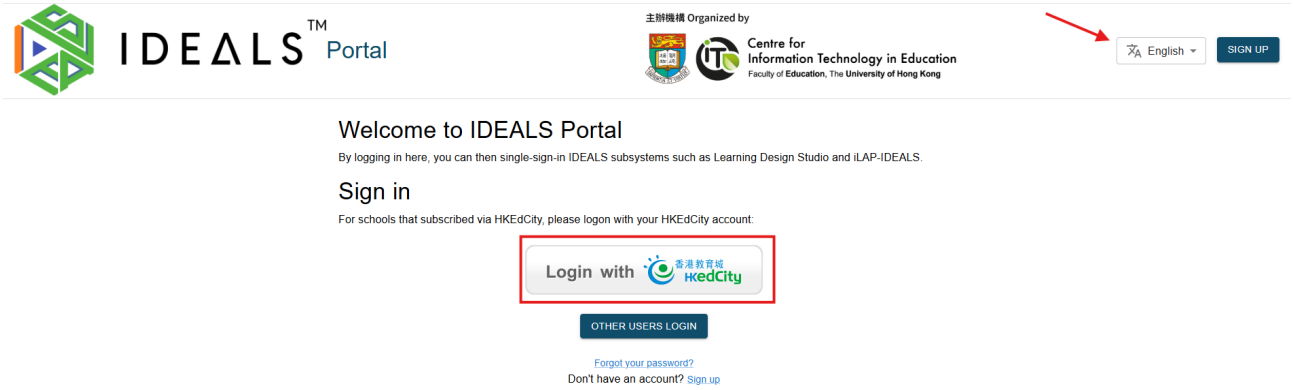
1. Logging into the IDEALS Portal

1.1 Accessing the IDEALS Portal

Visit the IDEALS Portal: https://ideals-portal.cite.hku.hk/
This is the Home Page.

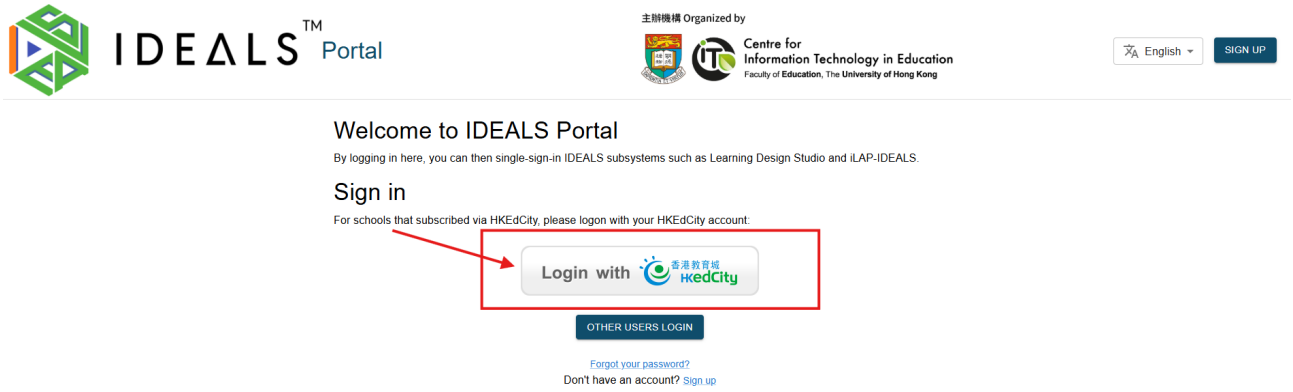
For users in schools that have subscribed to the IDEALS System, only the first **"Login with HKedCity" button** is relevant.

You can switch the language to English, Traditional Chinese, or Simplified Chinese.



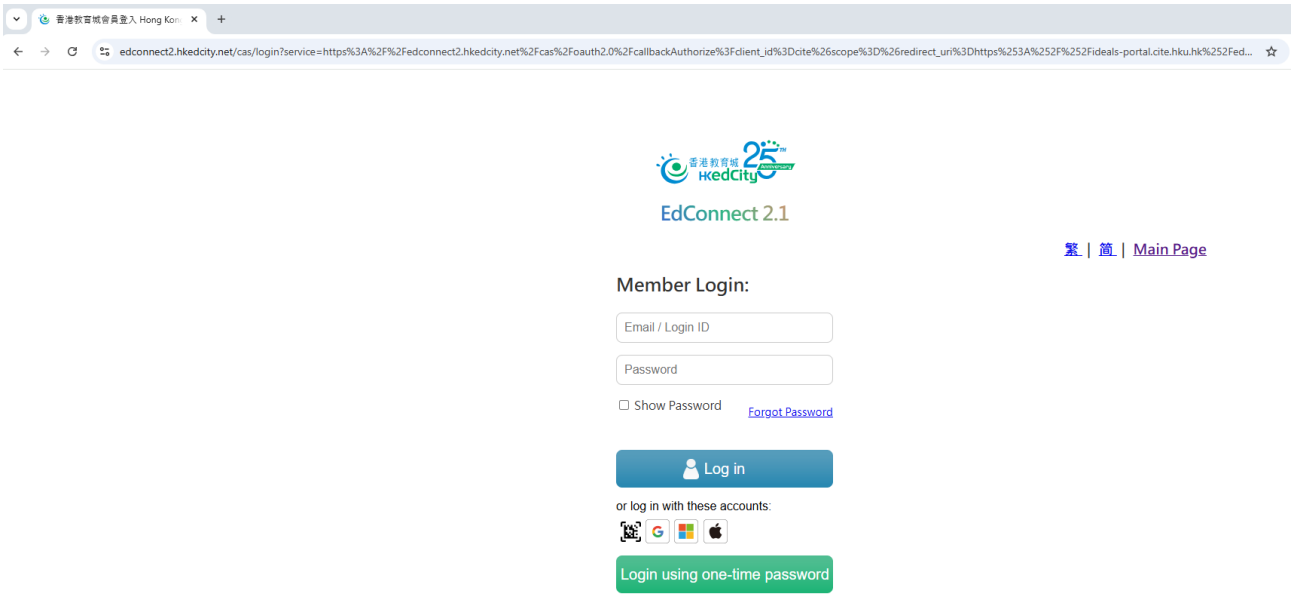
1.2 Login with your HKEdCity account

On the Home Page of the IDEALS Portal, click the **"Login with HKedCity" button**.



You will be redirected to the EdConnect Login Page by HKedCity.

Ensure you log in with the HKedCity account that you or your school administrator have registered with HKedCity.



When you log in using EdConnect, the system will redirect you to an authorization consent page. Please click the **"Confirm" button** to proceed with the next steps.

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你已成功登入供應商的網上平台，並可開始進行學習活動。

You successfully log in to the online platform of the service provider. Let's start your learning journey.

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確認 Confirm

☐ Remember this approval till August 31, 2026

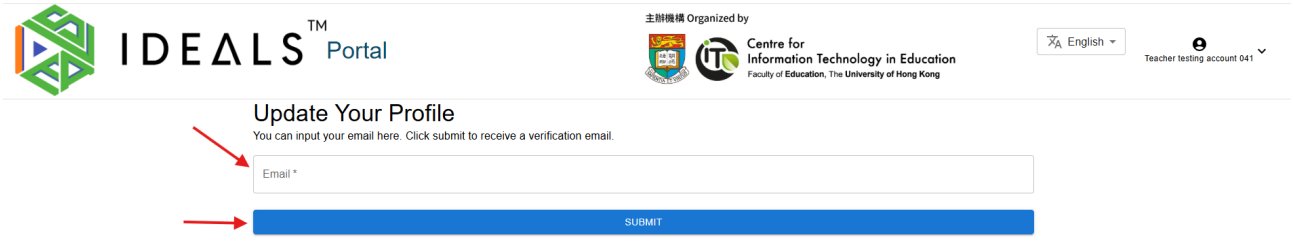
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1.3 Verifying Your Account as a Teacher by email

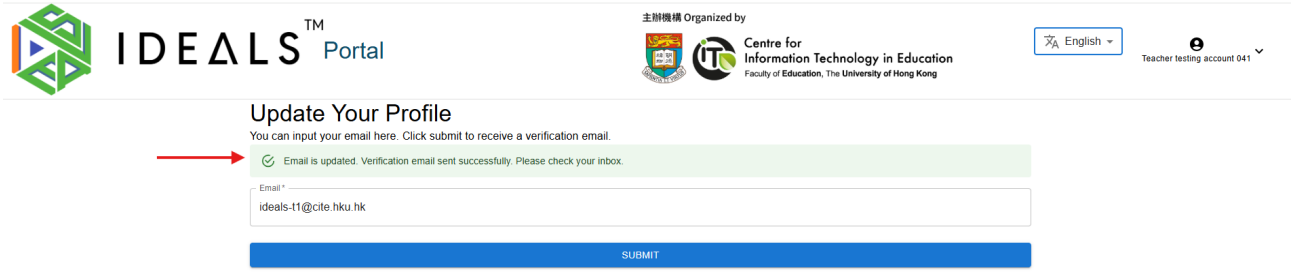
Skip this step if you are not a teacher at EdCity.

If you are a teacher at EdCity, you will be redirected to the "Edit Profile" page to verify your email. This step is necessary because all IDEALS sub-systems require a verified email, and EdData currently does not provide teachers' email addresses to service providers.

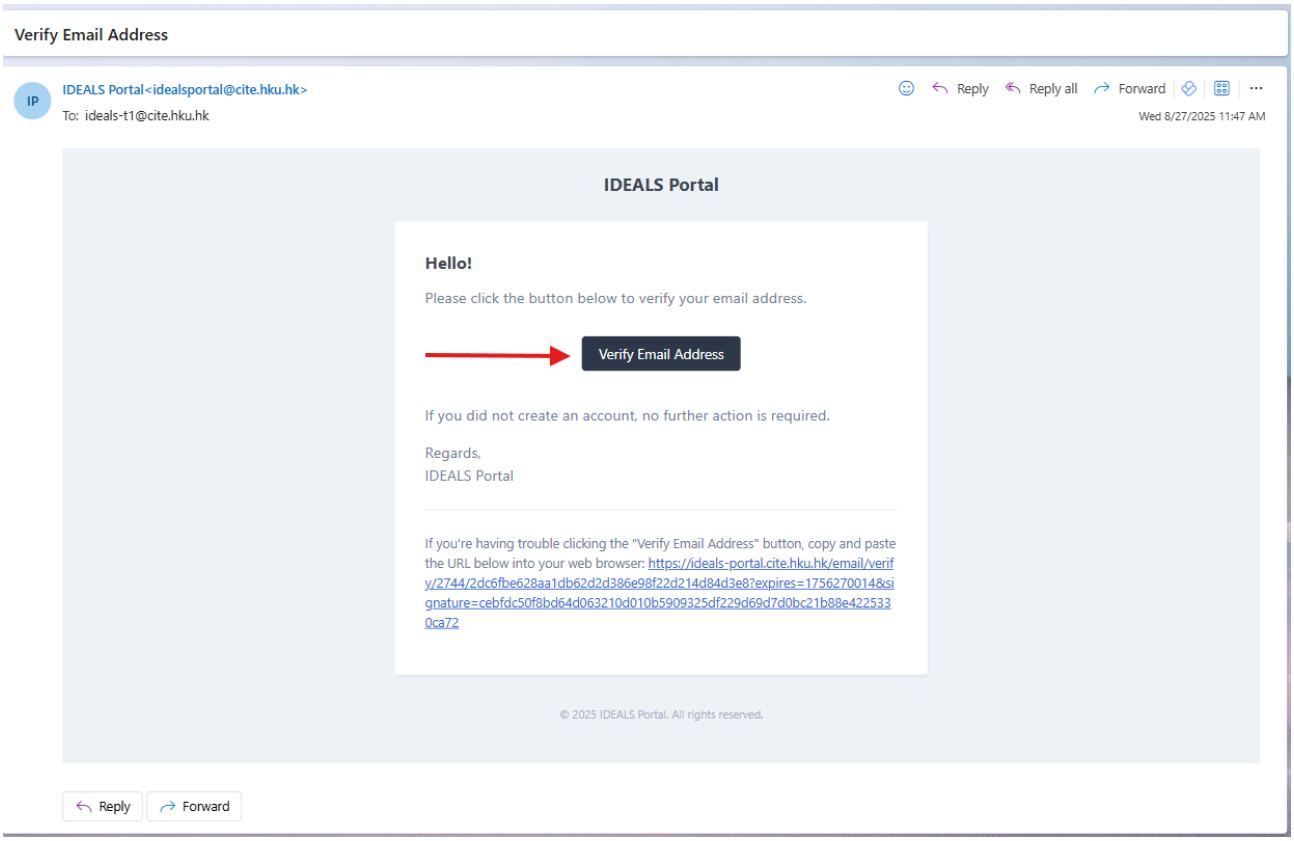


Enter your email address carefully, as you will receive a verification email.

Click **"Submit"** to receive the verification email. A confirmation message will appear indicating the email has been sent successfully.



Wait 2–3 minutes, then check your email inbox for the verification email from the IDEALS Portal. Click the **verification link** in the email.

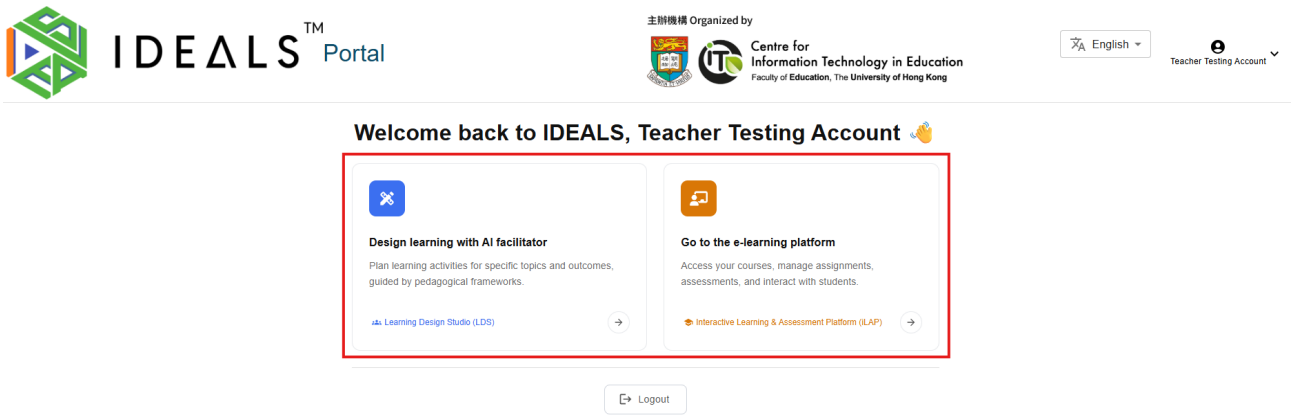


You should then be directed to the Gateway Page, where you'll see two login buttons. Stay on this screen and proceed to the next step.



1.4 Navigating the Gateway Page

After completing email verification, you'll be redirected to the IDEALS Portal Gateway Page. You'll see a welcome message: **"Welcome back to IDEALS, [Your Name] "**



If you're a teacher at EdCity and haven't verified your email, you will not be able to access this page. Please complete step 1.3 first.

For Teachers

On the Gateway Page, you will see two options to access different platforms:

1. **Design learning with AI facilitator** (Blue icon)
   - Description: "Plan learning activities for specific topics and outcomes, guided by pedagogical frameworks."
   - Click this card or the **"Learning Design Studio (LDS)"** link to access LDS
2. **Go to the e-learning platform** (Orange icon)
   - Description: "Access your courses, manage assignments, assessments, and interact with students."
   - Click this card or the **"Interactive Learning & Assessment Platform (iLAP)"** link to access iLAP-IDEALS

For Students

If you're a student at EdCity, you will see only the **"Go to the e-learning platform"** option to access iLAP-IDEALS.

Stay on this screen and continue to the next step.

Note: The login session expires after 1 day, and you'll need to log in again.

2. Accessing Learning Design Studio (LDS)

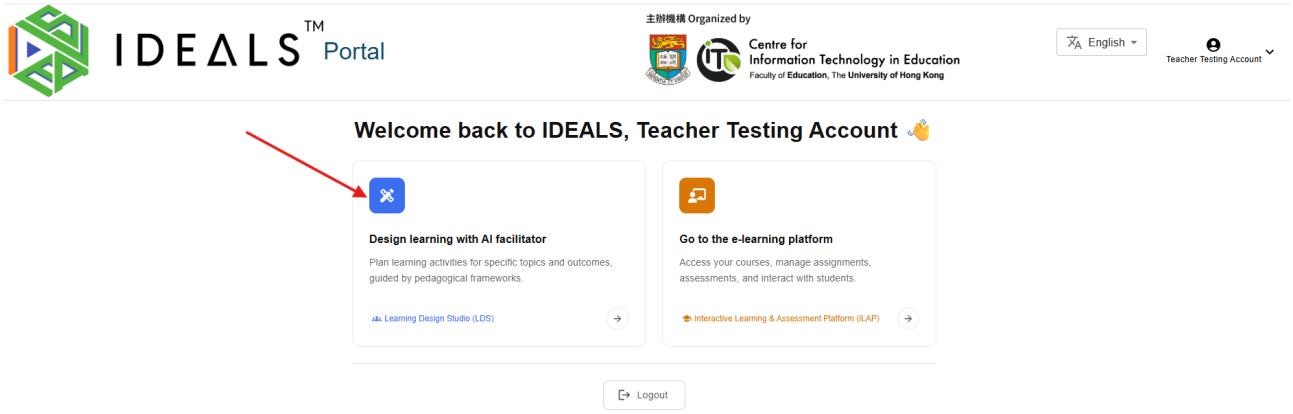
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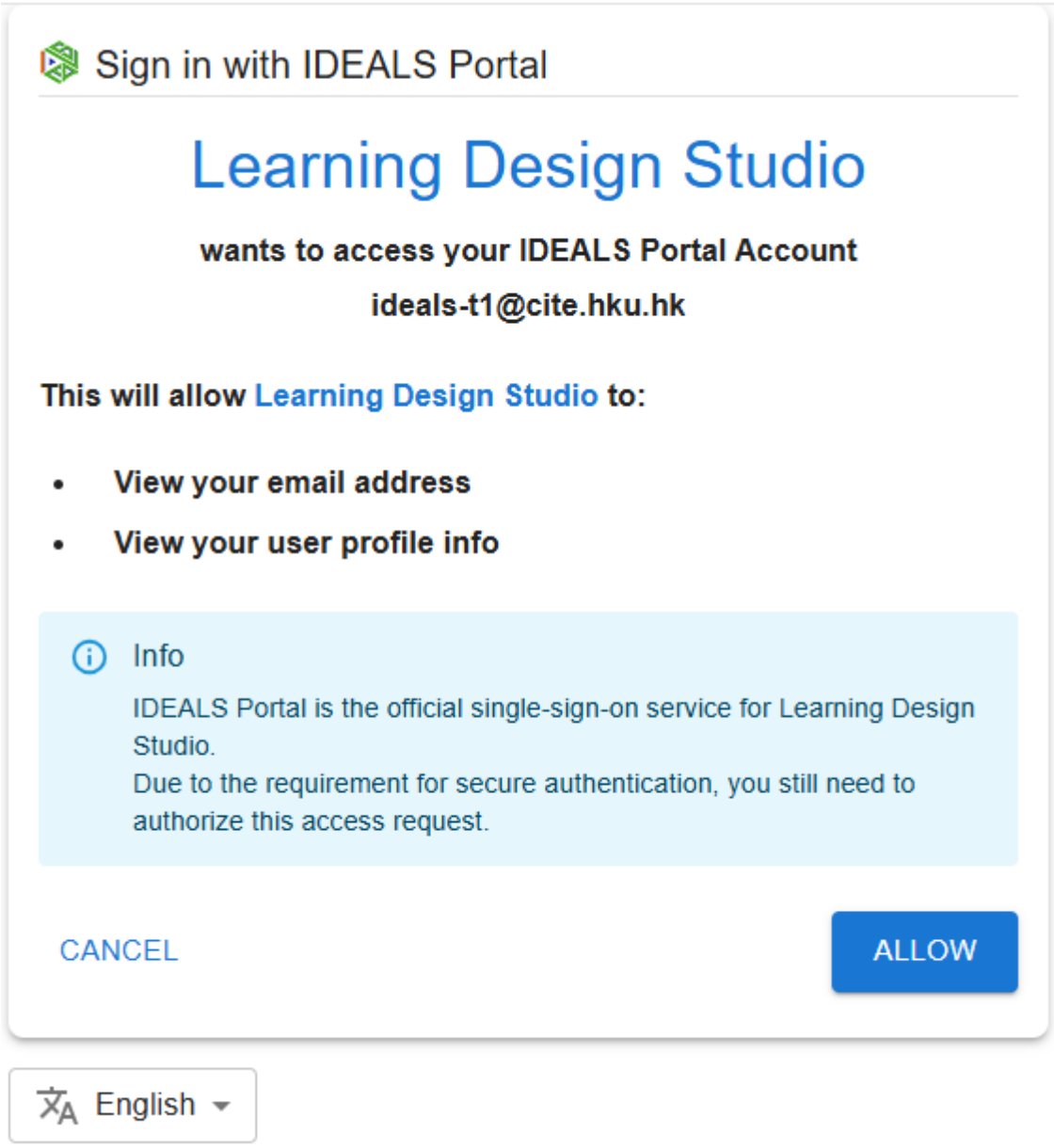
Also, log out of LDS at LDS (https://lds.cite.hku.hk) before proceeding.

2.2. Single-Sign-On to LDS

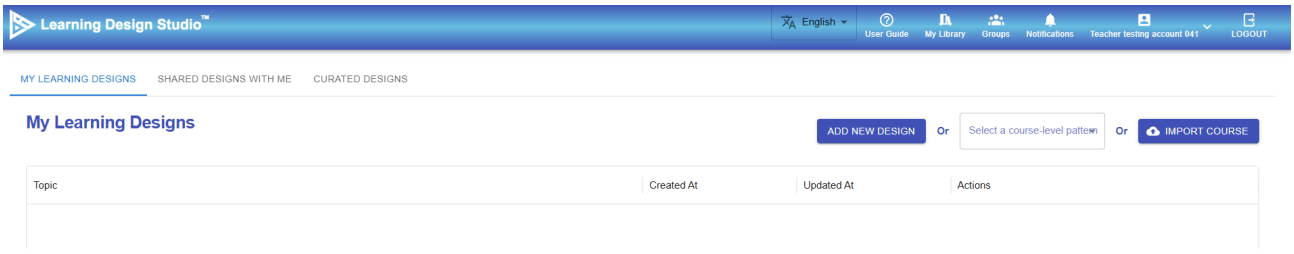
From the Gateway Page of the IDEALS Portal (https://ideals-portal.cite.hku.hk/gateway), click the card **"Design learning with AI faciliator"**.



The portal will prompt you to authorize LDS to access your account. Click **"ALLOW"** to proceed. This is a standard security measure, even though LDS is a trusted system.



You will then be redirected to LDS and logged in automatically, without needing to enter your credentials again.



Your next step may be to read the Learning Design Studio User Guide (final link will be provided soon).

3. Accessing iLAP-IDEALS

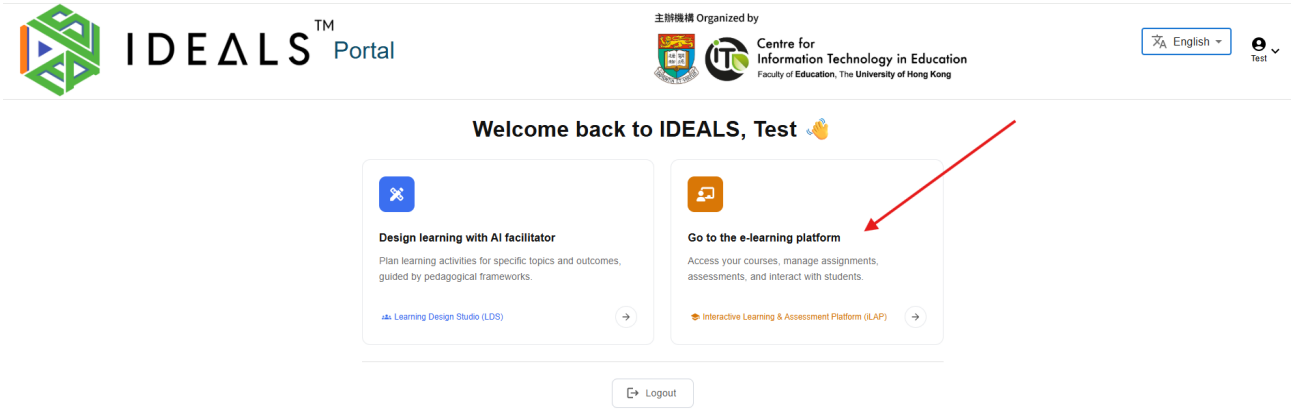
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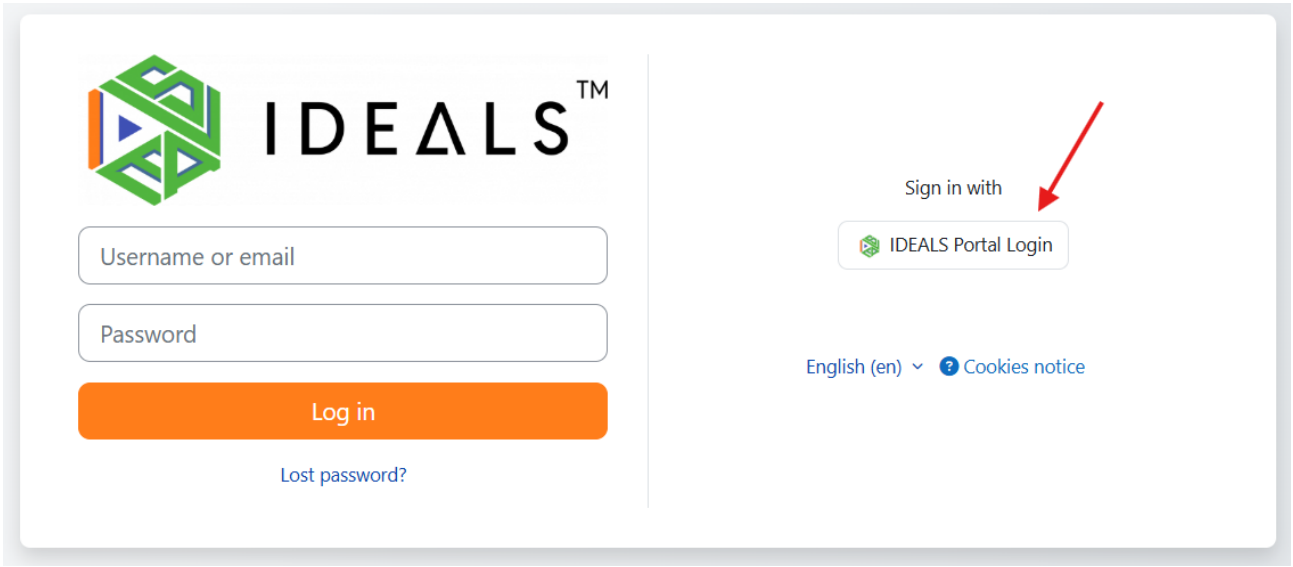
Also, log out of iLAP-IDEALS before proceeding.

3.2. Single-Sign-On to iLAP-IDEALS

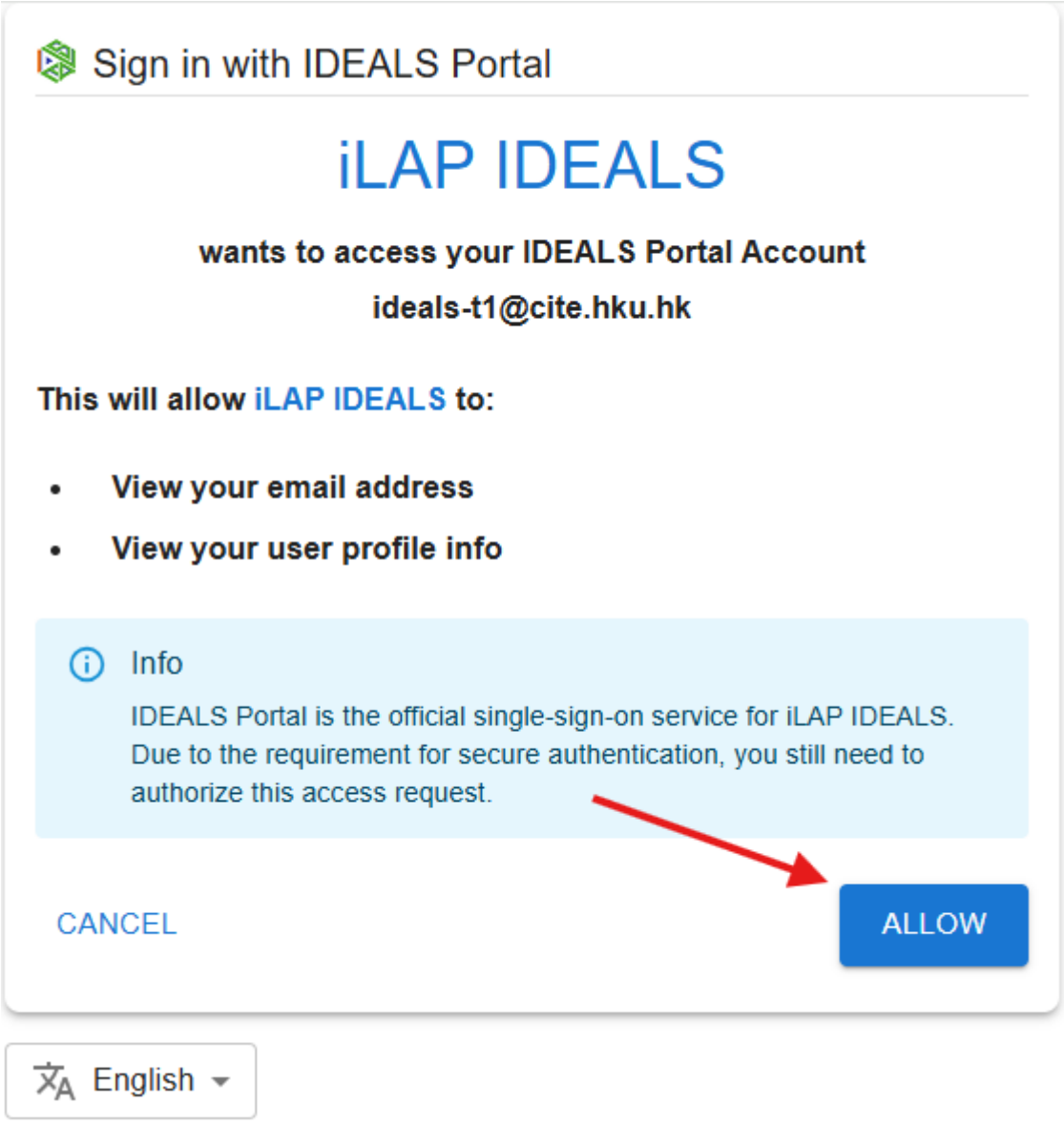
From the Gateway Page (https://ideals-portal.cite.hku.hk/gateway), click the card **"Go to the e-learning platform"**.



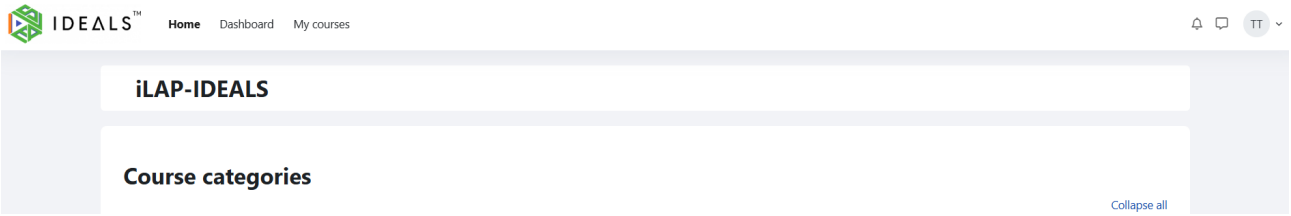
Due to Moodle's security requirements, you must explicitly click the **"IDEALS Portal Login" button** when prompted.



The portal will ask for authorization to allow iLAP-IDEALS to access your account. Click **"ALLOW"**.



Once authorized, you will be logged into iLAP-IDEALS.



Your next step may be to read the iLAP School Administration Guide to learn more about the iLAP platform. (An English version will be coming soon.)

4. Logging out of the IDEALS Portal

4.1 Logging out of the IDEALS Portal

If you have finished using the IDEALS system, you can log out from both the IDEALS Portal and EdConnect from the Gateway Page.

Click the **"Logout IDEALS Portal and EdConnect" button** to sign out of the portal and end your EdConnect single-sign-on session. After logging out you will be redirected to the IDEALS Portal Home page.

For added security, we recommend closing your browser window after logging out, especially when using a shared or public computer.

