EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 33/2019

From: Secretary for Education
To: Heads of Primary and Secondary Schools
Ref.: EDB(CD/MCNE)/ADM/55/3/14(5)
Date: 11 February 2019

The 5th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition

SUMMARY

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to inform heads of primary and secondary schools about “The 5th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition” (referred to as the Competition hereafter) organised by the Curriculum Development Institute, the Education Bureau (referred to as the EDB hereafter) with the aim of promoting Basic Law education.

DETAILS

2. The Basic Law is a constitutional document for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), in which the important concepts of “One country, Two systems”, “Hong Kong people Administering Hong Kong” and a high degree of autonomy are enshrined in the form of the law. It also prescribes the various systems to be practised in the HKSAR, and is of great relevance to our daily lives.

3. The EDB has always attached great importance to the promotion of the Basic Law and considered it to be regular and ongoing work so that Basic Law education can keep up with the times. In tandem with the work of the Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee, the EDB is organising the Competition to encourage primary and secondary students to read materials relating to the Basic Law so as to deepen their understanding of it, as well as to enhance their knowledge about the history of the establishment, development and achievements of the HKSAR. Through the Competition, students will be encouraged to grasp the important moment of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the 40th anniversary of our country’s reform and opening-up. Questions regarding historical development and the remarkable achievements since the founding of the country will be added in the Competition with an aim to strengthen students’ understanding of our country in these aspects. The Competition consists of two parts, the Heat (online competition) and the Final. The 5 schools with the highest average scores, selected from the 30 schools with the highest student participation rates in the Heat, will be shortlisted to enter the Final. The schedule of the
Competition is attached at Annex 1. Please refer to Annex 2 for the competition regulations.

4. In order to further strengthen primary and secondary students’ understanding of the Basic Law, including the important concepts of “One country, Two systems”, as well as the latest development of our country, the EDB will invite students from the shortlisted schools for the final and of “The Most Active Participation Award” to take part in an enriched Basic Law study tour to be organised in 2019. The destination of the study tour is to be confirmed. The EDB will be responsible for the relevant expenses of the study tour. Participating schools will be informed of the details of the study tour in due course.

5. To facilitate the publicity for the Competition, school heads are kindly requested to complete the attached Collection Slip (Annex 3A or Annex 3B) and make arrangements for staff members to collect the competition posters at the respective Regional Education Offices. Further details about the collection are provided on the Collection Slip.

6. The EDB will invite the shortlisted schools for the final to nominate students to participate in a nationwide competition, namely, 第四屆全國學生學憲法講憲法活動總決賽 to be held in Beijing in the 2019/20 school year. The nominated students will be accompanied by a teacher from the school concerned to join the competition. The EDB will be responsible for the relevant expenses of the mentioned competition. Participating schools will be informed of the details of the competition in due course.

ENQUIRY

7. For general enquiries, please contact Ms LI Mei-ying or Ms WONG Ching-lai of the Moral, Civic and National Education Section, Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau at 2153 7493 or 2153 7410 respectively. For enquiries about the accounts of Hong Kong Education City, please contact Hong Kong Education City at 2624 1000 or by email at info@hkedcity.net.

Joe KS NG
for Secretary for Education

cc: Heads of Sections – for information
## The 5th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition

### Events and Schedule

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| 11 February 2019 (Monday) to 19 March (Tuesday) 2019 | Schools to **submit the duly completed entry form** for “The 5th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition” on the website of Hong Kong Education City. [
http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/reg](http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/reg) |
| 20 March (Wednesday) to 22 March (Friday) 2019 | **Trial run for the Heat (online competition)**  
Secondary Section (Secondary 1-3)  
([http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/sec](http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/sec))  
Primary Section (Primary 4-6)  
([http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/pri](http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/pri)) |
| 25 March (Monday) to 1 April (Monday) 2019 | **The Heat (online competition)**  
Secondary Section (Secondary 1-3)  
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Primary Section (Primary 4-6)  
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| 18 April 2019 (Thursday) | **Announcement of the shortlisted schools for the Final** under “What’s New” on the website of the Moral, Civic and National Education Section of the EDB.  
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| On or before 30 April 2019 (Tuesday) | Shortlisted schools for the Final will receive notifications by post and **submit the list of contestants** on or before 30 April 2019. |
| 17 May 2019 (Friday) | **The Final cum Award Presentation Ceremony for the Secondary and Primary Sections** at the Lecture Theatre of the Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre  
AM session : Secondary Section (Secondary 1-3)  
PM session : Primary Section (Primary 4-6) |
Annex 2

The 5th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition
Regulations

Theme

- Understanding Justice and Law, Living a Colourful Life

Aims

- To enhance students’ understanding of the Basic Law, including the important concepts of “One country, Two systems”, its origin and the spirit of the constitution;
- To guide students to understand the constitutional status of the Basic Law;
- To develop students’ understanding of the relationship between the Basic Law and the lives of Hong Kong people, including rights and responsibilities;
- To enhance students’ knowledge about history of the establishment, development and achievements of the HKSAR; and
- To help students better understand the development of our country in various aspects in relation to the important moment marking the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the 40th anniversary of its reform and opening up.

Details of the Competition

- A pre-competition trial run is scheduled before the heat of the Competition and the Competition consists of the heat and the final.
- Entrants are categorized into:
  - Secondary Section: Secondary 1-3 students; or
  - Primary Section: Primary 4-6 students.

(1) Pre-competition trial run

- The organising committee will allow entrants three days to familiarise themselves with the competition mode of the heat on the webpage of Hong Kong Education City.
- The trial run is scheduled from 20 March (Wednesday) to 22 March (Friday) 2019.

(2) The Heat (online competition)

- Date and time for the heat
  - Entrants may participate in the Competition from 25 March 2019 (Monday) to 1 April 2019 (Monday) on the designated website which is accessible from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.¹

¹ With the exception of Sunday, IT support from Hong Kong Education City will be provided from Monday to Saturday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- Schools may arrange student entrants to take part in the Competition at the same time or at different time slots.

- Number of entrants
  - No limitation on the number of entrants from each school.

- Details of the Heat
  - The heat of the Competition is staged online in the form of a quiz.
  - Each entrant can take part in the Competition once only. They should answer 30 questions within 15 minutes. The criteria of winning the Competition is based on the highest participation rate and highest accuracy in the shortest time. Entrants who are found to take part in the Competition more than once during the period will be disqualified.
  - To ensure fairness and impartiality, entrants should take part in the Competition under the supervision of teachers at school.
  - Entrants are not allowed to refer to any information or materials during the Competition.
  - Entrants should log into their student accounts of Hong Kong Education City and access the competition website with desktop computers, laptops or tablet computers connected to the school wired or wireless network.
  - Of the 30 schools with the highest student participation rates, the 5 schools with the highest average scores will enter the final. In case of ties, the time spent on answering questions will be adopted as the criterion deciding which team can go to the final. No appeal will be accepted. Schools will compete in teams in the final.

- Announcement of the shortlisted schools for the final
  - The results of the heat will be announced under “What’s New” on the website of the Moral, Civic and National Education Section of the EDB (http://www.edb.gov.hk/cd/mcne) before 6:00 p.m. on 18 April 2019 (Thursday). Schools going through to the final will receive notifications by post.

(3) The Final cum Award Presentation Ceremony

- Date and time
  - 17 May 2019 (Friday)
  - The Final cum Award Presentation Ceremony of the Secondary Section will be held in the AM session while the Final cum Award Presentation Ceremony of the Primary Section will be conducted in the PM session.
Venue

- The Lecture Theatre of the Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre

Number of entrants

- 5 school teams with 3 members each (all entrants should have participated in the heat).
- Each school is allowed to send out only one team, which can be made up of entrants from different levels.
- The list of contestants for the final shall be submitted to the Moral, Civic and National Section on or before 30 April 2019 (Monday). No further changes will be accepted upon submission.

Details of the Final

- The final will be conducted in Cantonese.
- Other details about the final will be announced later.

(4) Awards

The heat

- The “Most Active Participation Award” will be given to 30 schools with the highest student participation rates. In case of ties, the award will be given on the basis of the average scores and the time spent on answering questions.
- A certificate will be awarded for each participating school in the heat.

The final

- First, second and third prizes and two merit prizes
  - All prize-winning schools will receive trophies and each winning student a medal and a certificate.
  - Each member of the first prize winning team will receive a laptop.
  - Each member of the second prize winning team will receive a tablet computer.
  - Each member of the third prize winning team will receive a tablet computer.
  - Each merit prize winner will receive four admission tickets to a theme park.
- The “Best Cheering Team Award” will also be presented. The winning school will receive a trophy and book coupons.

Application and Deadline

- Schools interested in participating in “The 5th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition” should log into the Principal, Teacher or School Administrator account of Hong Kong Education City (http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/reg) and submit a duly completed entry form (Chinese version only) on or before 19 March 2019 (Tuesday).
- The information collected will be used solely for the purpose of “The 5th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition”. Please ensure that all information submitted is
Please make sure that students’ accounts of Hong Kong Education City for the current school year have been updated prior to the submission of entry forms, and the correct account information distributed to student entrants before the heat. Please approach the teacher in-charge or the IT coordinator in school for details. If further assistance is needed, please contact Hong Kong Education City.

References and Websites

The following resources are for reference only. In addition to the reference materials and websites listed below, teachers and entrants may refer to other information sources to prepare for the Competition.

For the Secondary Section

- Constitution and the Basic Law (Chinese version only) (https://www.edb.gov.hk/pshe/constitution-basiclaw)
- Understanding the Law, Access to Justice – Basic Law Learning Package (Junior Secondary) (https://basiclawebook.edb.hkedcity.net/bookweb/)
- Basic Law Online Assessment (Junior Secondary) (https://basiclaw.edb.hkedcity.net/js/assessment/)
For the Primary Section

- Learning the Basic Law, Building a Better Home
  (http://basiclaw.edb.hkedcity.net/sp/assessment/) ²
- The Website of the Basic Law
- Full Text of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China
- The Basic Law and Hong Kong - The 15th Anniversary of Reunification with the Motherland

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NB: In case of disputes over the regulations on “The 5th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition”, the decisions of the organising committee shall be final. The organising committee reserves the rights to make amendments to the competition regulations, in which case the participating schools will be informed as soon as possible.

² Please use Internet Explorer (IE) to open the link.
Annex 3A

「第五屆《基本法》全港校際問答比賽」海報(中學組)
“The 5th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition” Poster (Secondary Section)

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