

# Stories of the Hong Kong Palace Museum Treasures – "Noble Craftsmanship Meets Creativity" Picture Book Creating Competition (Primary) 2026/27

## Notice to Participating Schools

### Organiser

The competition is co-organised by the Arts Education (AE) Section of the Curriculum Development Institute (CDI), Education Bureau (EDB) and the Hong Kong Palace Museum (HKPM).

### 1. Objectives

The competition aims to encourage primary students to create picture books inspired by the treasures on display at the HKPM. Through appreciating the craftsmanship and creativity of ancient artisans, students will develop their aesthetic sensibility, creativity, as well as proper values and attitudes, including "Perseverance", "Empathy", and "National Identity".

### 2. Division

Lower Primary Division (Primary 1 to 3)

Upper Primary Division (Primary 4 to 6)

### 3. Theme

The theme of this competition is "Noble Craftsmanship Meets Creativity". Throughout history, the integration of exquisite craftsmanship, innovative thinking, and a human-centred approach is a core prerequisite for outstanding design and artmaking. Participants should draw inspiration from the treasures on display in Gallery 5: "Design for the Forbidden City: Imperial Workshops of the Qing Court" at the HKPM, and apply their knowledge and skills in Visual Arts and language to create picture books that express the theme.

### 4. Important Dates

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| From now on      | Competition details are available on the Arts Education Key Learning Area (AE KLA) webpage:<br><a href="http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/arts/hkpm-pri">www.edb.gov.hk/en/arts/hkpm-pri</a>                                                                                                                                              |  |
| 23 October 2026  | Online briefing session (Course ID: CDI020261343)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                       |
| 18 November 2026 | Professional Development Programme "Visual Arts and Language Across the Curriculum: Picture Books Creating (Primary)(New)" (Course ID: CDI020270488)                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |
| 7 – 9 April 2027 | Online submission of the entries and relevant information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                       |
| Mid April 2027   | First-round adjudication                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                       |
| Late April 2027  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Relevant schools will be notified of the <b>shortlisted entries</b> by <b>email</b>, and the list will also be announced on the AE KLA webpage</li><li>Submission of the <b>original work</b> of picture books and the true copy of the signed "Declaration and Permission Slip"</li></ul> |                                                                                       |
| June 2027        | Relevant schools will be notified of the <b>awarded entries</b> by <b>email</b> , and the list will also be announced on the AE KLA webpage                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                       |
| Late August 2027 | Award Presentation Ceremony and Exhibition will be held at the HKPM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                       |

## 5. Participation Rules

- Participants must be full-time primary students studying in Hong Kong schools.
- Each participant can submit only **ONE** entry, and they should be the original and unpublished work of the participant.
- Awarded entries of picture books may be developed into products and potentially offered for public sale.
- All original work of entries will not be returned.
- Late submissions or entries with incomplete information will **NOT** be accepted.
- All entries should be submitted by schools.

## 6. Entry Requirements

- All entries should be inspired by the treasures on display in "Design for the Forbidden City: Imperial Workshops of the Qing Court" to express the theme.
- There are no restrictions on the medium of entries. Acceptable media include colour pencil, marker pen, wash drawing, digital drawing etc.
- The dimensions of the picture book cover and each inner page must be 14.5 cm×14.5 cm.
- Number of pages in each picture book :
  - Lower Primary Division (Primary 1 to 3): A cover page and 8 or 12 of inner pages
  - Upper Primary Division (Primary 4 to 6): A cover page and 12, 16 or 20 of inner pages
- Each page should not contain more than 30 words (Chinese or English).
- All entries should be individual work; group work is not accepted.
- Any images created by generative artificial intelligence must not be used. Only non-generative tools for editing, colour adjustment, background removal and file compression are permitted. The organiser reserves the right to request the source files (e.g., layered PSD/ AI files or preliminary sketches) to verify the authenticity of the work.

## 7. Adjudication

- The judging panel comprises representatives of the EDB, HKPM and professional designers.
- Selection criteria include:
  - (i) communication of the theme;
  - (ii) mastery of visual language, medium and techniques;
  - (iii) originality and creativity; and
  - (iv) storyline.
- The decision made by the judging panel shall be final; any objection to the results and awards of the competition will not be accepted.

## 8. Awards and Prizes

| Awards                                                      | Prizes                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Grand Design Award (About 10 entries)                       | Prize and certificate            |
| Commendable Design Award (About 20 entries)                 |                                  |
| Finalist Awards (All finalists of first-round adjudication) | Certificate and exhibition visit |

## 9. Submission of Entries

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| <b>First-round Adjudication</b><br>(7 – 9 April 2027)                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Schools</b> submit the <b>online form</b>, <b>layout files</b> and related documents<br/>(Please refer to <b>Annex 1</b> and <b>Annex 2</b> for the sample and picture book layout)</li> <li>The link to the online form will be available on the AE KLA webpage in late March 2027. <b>Please submit by school</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                      | <b>Specifications of submission entry files:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each entry should be saved individually in pptx format</li> <li>Each image of the artwork should have a resolution of at least 300 dpi.</li> <li>Each file should be named in the following format:<br/>“Division (LP/UP)_School’s telephone number_ Student Full Name in English” (e.g. LP_36983540_ChanTaiMan.pptx)</li> <li>All entry files should be saved in a same folder with the school’s telephone number (e.g. 36983540)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Submission of the original picture books</b><br>(Late April 2027) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevant schools will be notified of the <b>shortlisted entries</b> by <b>email</b>, and the list will also be announced on the AE KLA webpage</li> <li>Submission of the <b>original work</b> of picture books and the true copy of the signed "Declaration and Permission Slip"</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## 10. Intellectual Property Rights

All participants, their parents or guardians, as well as the schools should note and agree with the following:

- The participants must ensure that their entries do not infringe upon any intellectual property rights. Please visit the following intellectual property website for more details: <https://www.ipd.gov.hk/en/copyright/index.html>
- Any entries that have infringed any intellectual property rights would NOT be accepted;
- The participants shall bear full legal and related responsibilities arising from any possible breach of intellectual property rights in respect of their entries;
- The EDB and the HKPM take no liability whatsoever for such infringement; and
- The EDB and the HKPM reserve the right to develop entries into cultural and creative products, or to edit, modify, reproduce, and distribute them in any format for purposes such as exhibition, education, promotion, and public sale. They also reserve the final right of decision regarding the aforementioned actions.

## 11. Enquiries

For enquiries, please contact Ms CHEUNG Sze-wing, Cici of the Arts Education Section, Curriculum Development Institution, Education Bureau at 3698 3540.

### Annex 1 – Sample of the Online Form (Please submit by school)

| 1. Basic Information of Participating School and Teacher-in-Charge                                                                                     |                                                     |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| School Name in Full                                                                                                                                    | (Chinese)<br>(English)                              |            |
| School Contact No.                                                                                                                                     |                                                     |            |
| School Email                                                                                                                                           | (Please provide a valid and accurate email address) |            |
| Full Name of Teacher-in-Charge                                                                                                                         | (Chinese)<br>(English)                              |            |
| Mobile No. of Teacher-in-Charge                                                                                                                        |                                                     |            |
| Email of Teacher-in-Charge                                                                                                                             | (Please provide a valid and accurate email address) |            |
| Name of Principal                                                                                                                                      | (Chinese)<br>(English)                              |            |
| The principal has been informed and has agreed to allow the students to participate in this competition.                                               |                                                     | [Yes / No] |
| Our school confirms that the submitted entries are original and unpublished work of our students and do not infringe any intellectual property rights. |                                                     | [Yes / No] |
| Our school agrees to and authorises the EDB and the HKPM to use the entries for exhibition, educational purposes and public sale.                      |                                                     | [Yes / No] |
| Number of entries                                                                                                                                      |                                                     |            |

## Annex 2 – Picture Book Layout

| 提交表格 Submission Form                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                     |                               |
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| <b>香港故宮文化博物館珍品的故事——「御見匠心」繪本創作比賽 (小學) 2026/27</b><br>Stories of the Hong Kong Palace Museum Treasures – "Noble Craftsmanship Meets Creativity" Picture Book Creating Competition (Primary) 2026/27 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                     |                               |
| 學校名稱<br>Name of School                                                                                                                                                                            | 中文                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                     | English                       |
| 負責教師姓名<br>Name of Teacher-in-charge                                                                                                                                                               | 中文                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | English             | 聯絡電話<br>Contact No.           |
| 參賽者姓名<br>Name of Participant                                                                                                                                                                      | 中文                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | English             | 電郵地址<br>Email Address         |
| 作品名稱<br>Title of Work                                                                                                                                                                             | 中文                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | English             | 年級<br>Level                   |
| 繪本故事簡介<br>Synopsis of Picture Book                                                                                                                                                                | 請在此處輸入故事簡介，說明繪本的創作意念和表達主題信息。(以中文或英文)<br>(Please write the synopsis here to explain the creative ideas and convey the message of the theme.)                                                                                  |                     |                               |
| 頁數<br>Number of pages                                                                                                                                                                             | 初小：不多於 50 字 (No more than 50 words)   高小：不多於 100 字 (No more than 100 words)<br>請在適當的方格內填上「✓」號。Please tick [✓] as appropriate                                                                                                 |                     |                               |
| 指導教師及教授科目<br>Responsible Teacher(s) and Subject(s) Taught                                                                                                                                         | 初小組別 Lower Primary (P.1 - P.3) 封面 1 頁 (A cover Page) + 內頁 (Inner Pages) : □ 8 頁 pages   □ 12 頁 pages<br>高小組別 Upper Primary (P.4 - P.6) 封面 1 頁 (A cover Page) + 內頁 (Inner Pages) : □ 12 頁 pages   □ 16 頁 pages   □ 20 頁 pages |                     |                               |
| 展廳五<br>「清宮製造與當代設計」<br>參考珍品<br>List of Treasures<br>Reference from Gallery 5<br>— "Design for the<br>Forbidden City —<br>Imperial Workshops of<br>the Qing Court"                                  | 1. _____ 中文 _____ English 教授科目 Subject Taught<br>2. _____ 中文 _____ English 教授科目 Subject Taught<br>3. _____ 中文 _____ English 教授科目 Subject Taught                                                                              |                     |                               |
| 珍品名稱 Treasure Title                                                                                                                                                                               | (珍品圖片)<br>(Photo of Treasure)                                                                                                                                                                                                | 珍品名稱 Treasure Title | (珍品圖片)<br>(Photo of Treasure) |
| 最少一件珍品，如須要可另加投影片 At least one treasure, add more slides if needed                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                     |                               |

比賽由教育局課程發展處藝術教育組及香港故宮文化博物館合辦。比賽旨在鼓勵小學生欣賞香港故宮文化博物館的珍品為靈感，運用視覺藝術及語文知識和技能創作「御見匠心」主題繪本，體會匠人精益求精與創新的精神，藉此培養美感、創造力、「堅毅」、「同理心」及「國民身分認同」的正確價值觀和態度。  
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比賽主題為「御見匠心」，從古至今，精湛技藝、創新思維與以人為本的精神，是優秀創作的核心。參賽者須以香港故宮文化博物館展廳五「清宮製造與當代設計」的珍品為靈感，運用視覺藝術及語文知識和技能創作繪本，表達主題的信息。  
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有關詳情，請瀏覽藝術教育學習領域網頁  
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| 香港故宮文化博物館珍品的故事——「御見匠心」繪本創作比賽 (小學) 2026/27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 封面頁 Cover Page |
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| <b>封面頁模板 Cover Page Layout</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">  <p>請在此貼上繪本封面<br/>(文字切勿直接繪寫於作品圖象上，<br/>請於畫面上預留置入文字的位置。)<br/>Paste the picture book cover here<br/>(Please do not place text directly within the image.<br/>Space should be reserved within the image<br/>for the subsequent placement of the text)</p> <p>14.5 cm × 14.5 cm</p> </div> |                |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>請在下方格內輸入作品名稱。<br/>Please enter the Title of Work in the box.</p> </div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                |

| 香港故宮文化博物館珍品的故事——「御見匠心」繪本創作比賽 (小學) 2026/27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 內頁 Inner Page |
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| <b>內頁模板 Inner Page Layout</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |               |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">  <p>請在此貼上繪本內頁圖片<br/>(文字切勿直接繪寫於作品圖象上，<br/>請於畫面上預留置入文字的位置。)<br/>Paste the picture book inner page image here<br/>(Please do not place text directly within the image.<br/>Space should be reserved within the image<br/>for the subsequent placement of the text)</p> <p>14.5 cm × 14.5 cm</p> </div> |               |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>請在下方格內輸入文字描述，例如對白 / 旁白。<br/>字數不多於30字。<br/>Please enter the text description (e.g., dialogue or narration)<br/>in the box below, with a maximum of 30 words.</p> </div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |               |
| <p style="text-align: right;">請自行複製投影片<br/>Please duplicate this slide</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |