

**EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 180/2023**

From : Secretary for Education

To : Heads of Kindergartens, Primary and  
Secondary Schools

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**Curriculum Development Institute  
Application for Participation in Student Educational Activities and Events  
(October 2023)**

(Note: This circular memorandum should be read by heads of all kindergartens, primary and secondary schools)

**Summary**

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to invite kindergartens, primary and secondary schools to participate in the coming educational activities and events organised, co-organised or announced by Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau (EDB). When arranging learning activities and relevant learning and teaching resources for students (including printed and electronic library collections and other reading and curriculum materials for students), schools should ensure that the activities are in line with the learning goals and curriculum objectives, the learning needs of students are catered for, and the safety of students and teachers are taken into account. Please refer to the relevant circulars and guidelines issued by the EDB for the points to note in arranging activities. In addition, the content and quality of the learning and teaching resources of individual Key Learning Areas (KLAs) and cross-curricular subjects in the school should be regularly reviewed in order to ensure that the content and information contained in learning and teaching resources are accurate, complete, objective and impartial, and emphasise the development of proper values, positive attitudes, and appropriate behaviours among students.

**Details**

2. The educational activities and events are-

**a) For kindergartens:**

	<i>Key Learning Area/ Subject/ Cross Key Learning Areas</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>For the attention /action of</i>	<i>Remarks</i>	<i>Annex</i>
i)	Curriculum Resources	“Library Cards for All School Children” Scheme	School Heads	Deadline of bulk application: 28 June 2024 (Friday)	1

**b) For primary schools:**

	<i>Key Learning Area/ Subject/ Cross Key Learning Areas</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>For the attention /action of</i>	<i>Remarks</i>	<i>Annex</i>
i)	Curriculum Resources	“Library Cards for All School Children” Scheme	School Heads and Teacher-librarians	Deadline of bulk application: 28 June 2024 (Friday)	1
ii)	Moral, Civic and National Education	National Education Mascots Naming Competition  (Chinese version only)	School Heads, Moral, Civic and National Education Co-ordinators and Teachers	Competition period : 16 October to 24 November 2023	2
iii)	Moral, Civic and National Education	13th Hong Kong Students National Knowledge Contest  (Chinese version only)	School Heads, Moral, Civic and National Education Co-ordinators and Teachers	Application Deadline for “Team Contest”: 20 October 2023 (Friday)  Application and contest period for “Individual Contest” : 10 to 20 October 2023	3
iv)	Moral, Civic and National Education	Basic Law Quiz Competition  (Chinese version only)	School Heads, Moral, Civic and National Education Co-ordinators and Teachers	Online Competition period : 30 October to 29 December 2023	4
v)	English Language Education	Creative Writing for Upper Primary Students – Writing about a New Festival that Promotes Positive Values and Attitudes	School Heads, English Language Panel Chairpersons and English Teachers	Not applicable to ESF schools and International schools  Deadline for submission of entries: 6:00 p.m., 2 February 2024 (Friday)	6

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vi)	English Language Education, Arts Education, and Moral, Civic and National Education	Campaign on “Promoting Positive Values and Attitudes through English Sayings of Wisdom 2023/24”	School Heads, Curriculum Leaders and Teachers of English, Visual Arts, Music and Moral, Civic and National Education	Not applicable to ESF schools and International schools	7
vii)	Arts Education/ Music/ English Language Education	“We Write • We Sing” Music Competition	School Heads, Arts Education KLA Co-ordinator, Panel Chairpersons and Teachers of English Language, Chinese Language, Putonghua and Music	Not applicable to ESF schools and international schools  Deadline for submission of entries: 28 March 2024 (Thursday)	10
viii)	Arts Education/ Visual Arts	Exhibition of Student Visual Arts Work 2023/24	School Heads and Visual Arts Teachers	Submission of entries: 1 to 7 March 2024	11
ix)	Gifted Education	Web-based Learning Courses for Gifted/ More Able Students 2023/24	School Heads, Panel Chairpersons and Teachers of General Studies / Mathematics, and Teachers responsible for School-based Gifted Education	Application period: from 4 October to 3 November 2023	13
x)	Gifted Education	The Seventeenth Hong Kong Budding Scientists Award	School Heads, Panel Chairpersons and Teachers of General Studies and Teachers responsible for school-based gifted education	Application Deadline: 30 November 2023 (Thursday)	14
xi)	General Studies	Visit to Geospatial Lab cum Workshop	School Heads, General Studies Panel Chairpersons and Teachers	Visiting period from November 2023 to January 2024	15

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xii)	Science, Technology and Mathematics Education	InnoCarnival 2023	School Heads, Primary School Curriculum Leaders, and Teachers of General Studies	Event Period: 28 October – 5 November 2023	20
xiii)	Chinese Language Education	2023/24 Chinese Talent Competition for Non-Chinese Speaking Students (Primary)	School Heads and Chinese Language Teachers	Not applicable to ESF schools and International Schools  Submission Deadline: 29 February 2024 (Thursday)	23
xiv)	Values Education	第一屆「一國兩制知多少 —— 中小學知識競賽」 (Chinese version only)	School Heads, Moral, Civic and National Education Co-ordinators, General Studies Panel Chairpersons, Extra-curricular Activities Co-ordinators and Teachers	—	27

**c) For secondary schools:**

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i)	Moral, Civic and National Education	National Education Mascots Naming Competition  (Chinese version only)	School Heads, Moral, Civic and National Education Co-ordinators and Teachers	Competition period : 16 October to 24 November 2023	2

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ii)	Moral, Civic and National Education	13th Hong Kong Students National Knowledge Contest  (Chinese version only)	School Heads, Moral, Civic and National Education Co-ordinators and Teachers	Application Deadline for “Team Contest”: 20 October 2023 (Friday)  Application and contest period for “Individual Contest” : 10 to 20 October 2023	3
iii)	Moral, Civic and National Education	Basic Law Quiz Competition  (Chinese version only)	School Heads, Moral, Civic and National Education Co-ordinators and Teachers	Online Competition period : 30 October to 29 December 2023	4
iv)	Moral, Civic and National Education	7th “Civic Ambassador” Training Programme  (Chinese version only)	School Heads, Moral, Civic and National Education Co-ordinators and Teachers	Application Deadline : 27 October 2023 (Friday)	5
v)	English Language Education, Arts Education, and Moral, Civic and National Education	Campaign on “Promoting Positive Values and Attitudes through English Sayings of Wisdom 2023/24”	School Heads, Curriculum Leaders and Teachers of English, Visual Arts, Music and Moral, Civic and National Education	Not applicable to ESF schools and International schools	7
vi)	English Language Education and Arts Education	Campaign on “Promoting Positive Values and Attitudes through English Sayings of Wisdom 2023/24” – Poetry Remake Competition	School Heads, Panel Chairpersons and teachers of English, Literature in English, and Visual Arts	Not applicable to ESF schools and International schools  Submission of entries: 7 to 8 March 2024	8

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vii)	Arts Education/ Music	“Relishing Creativeness in the Hong Kong Palace Museum” Music Composition Competition 2023/24	School Heads, Music Panel Chairpersons and Teachers	Application Deadline: 10 November 2023 (Friday)	9
viii)	Arts Education/ Music/ English Language Education	“We Write • We Sing” Music Competition	School Heads, Arts Education KLA Co-ordinator, Panel Chairpersons and Teachers of English Language, Literature in English, Chinese Language, Chinese Literature, Putonghua and Music	Not applicable to ESF schools and international schools  Deadline for submission of entries: 28 March 2024 (Thursday)	10
ix)	Arts Education/ Visual Arts	Exhibition of Student Visual Arts Work 2023/24	School Heads and Visual Arts Teachers	Submission of entries: 1 to 7 March 2024	11
x)	Arts Education/ Visual Arts	"Fabulous China-chic" Inter-school Design Competition	School Heads and Visual Arts Teachers	Submission Deadline:  First round: 4 March 2024  Final round: 12 April 2024	12

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xi)	Gifted Education	Web-based Learning Courses for Gifted/ More Able Students 2023/24	School Heads, Coordinators and Teachers of Mathematics Education Key Learning Area / Science Education Key Learning Area / Personal, Social & Humanities Education Key Learning Area, and Teachers responsible for School-based Gifted Education	Application period: from 4 October to 3 November 2023	13
xii)	Gifted Education	The Seventeenth Hong Kong Budding Scientists Award	School Heads, Coordinators and Teachers of Science Education Key Learning Area, and Teachers responsible for school-based gifted education	Application Deadline: 30 November 2023 (Thursday)	14
xiii)	Personal, Social and Humanities Education / Geography	Visit to Geospatial Lab cum Workshop	School Heads, Geography Panel Chairpersons and Teachers	Visiting period from November 2023 to January 2024	15

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xiv)	Cross Key Learning Areas	Digital Financial Literacy Programme for Youth 2023-24 – Four-Cell Story and Mini-Movie Competition	School Heads and Teachers	Application Deadline for Kick-off cum Teacher Training seminar: 9 October 2023 (Monday)  Application Deadline for online briefing session: 3 November 2023 (Friday)  Application Deadline for competition and submission of proposal: 12 January 2024 (Friday)	16
xv)	Technology Education / Business Education	Digital Stock Trading Guru Inter-School Competition 2023-2024	School Heads, Technology Education Key Learning Area Co-ordinators, and Teachers of Business Subjects	Application Deadline: 1 December 2023 (Friday)	17
xvi)	Science, Technology and Mathematics Education	BIM x STEAM Construction Model Creative Design Competition	School Heads, Co-ordinators and Teachers of Science, Technology and Mathematics Education Key Learning Areas	Application Deadline: 27 October 2023 (Friday)	18
xvii)	Technology Education / Information and Communication Technology	The Hong Kong Olympiad in Informatics 2023/24	School Heads, Technology Education Key Learning Area Co-ordinators, and Teachers of ICT subjects	Application Deadline: 31 October 2023 (Tuesday)	19



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xviii)	Science, Technology and Mathematics Education	InnoCarnival 2023	School Heads, Coordinators and Teachers of Science, Technology and Mathematics Education Key Learning Areas	Event Period: 28 October – 5 November 2023	20
xix)	Science Education /Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics  Technology Education / Computer Literacy, Information and Communication Technology, Design and Technology, Design and Applied Technology	The Research Grants Council of the University Grants Committee Public Lectures related to STEAM Education	School heads, Co-ordinators, Panel Chairpersons and Teachers of the Science Education and Technology Education Key Learning Areas	-	21
xx)	Science Education/ Physics	Hong Kong Observatory Radiation Education Programme (2023/24)	Teachers and Panel Chairpersons of Physics Subject	-	22
xxi)	Chinese Language Education	2023/24 Chinese Talent Competition for Non-Chinese Speaking Students (Secondary)	School Heads and Chinese Language Teachers	Not applicable to ESF schools and International Schools  Submission Deadline: 29 February 2024 (Thursday)	24
xxii)	Chinese Language Education	話劇《邊城》大灣區巡迴演出首演：「贊助中學生觀賞計畫」(Chinese version only)	School Heads, Chinese Language Panel Chairpersons and Teachers	Application Deadline: 11 October 2023 (Wednesday)	25

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xxiii)	Chinese Language Education	2023-2024中國中學生作文大賽 (香港賽區) (Chinese version only)	School Heads, Chinese Language / Chinese Literature Panel Chairpersons and Teachers	Application Deadline: 15 November 2023 (Wednesday)	26
xxiv)	Values Education	第一屆「一國兩制知多少——中小學知識競賽」 (Chinese version only)	School Heads, Moral, Civic and National Education Co-ordinators, Personal, Social and Humanities Education Key Learning Area Co-ordinators, Citizenship and Social Development Panel Chairpersons, Extra-curricular Activities Co-ordinators and Teachers	—	27

3. Details and Application Forms of the above activities and events are stipulated in the respective Annexes.

4. In addition, the EDB has created the **e-Gallery** website. It not only showcases Hong Kong students' learning achievements in different learning areas and celebrates their outstanding performance in whole-person development, but also provides information on a range of students' learning activities for schools' reference. For details, please visit <https://e-gallery.edb.edcity.hk/en/home/>.



5. The EDB continuously uploads and updates National Education-related teachers' professional development programmes, students' activities, learning and teaching resources and examples for "National Education - Event Planning Calendar", etc. on "National Education One-stop Portal". Please visit <http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp/> to obtain latest information. "National Day" on 1 October is a key date in October.



6. In order to plan and promote national education in a holistic and systematic manner, schools should arrange teaching of related subjects and appropriate school-based national education learning activities outside the classroom, such as organising celebration activities including the raising of the national flag, and the playing and singing of the national anthem, introducing the recent development of our country on school bulletin boards on National Day or the school day before or after National Day, by adopting the approaches of “organic integration”, “natural connection”, “diversified strategies”, “mutual co-ordination”, “learning within and beyond the classroom”, and “whole-school participation”. The learning activities should deepen students’ understanding of the major historical events and figures of our country, the Chinese culture and enable them to grasp accurately the constitutional order established by the principle of “One Country, Two Systems”, the Constitution and the Basic Law as well as the significance of national security, etc.

### **Enquiry**

- 7. In view of the latest development of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) infection, details of the activities are subject to changes. For enquiries, please contact the respective **contact person** as listed in the respective Annexes.

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for Secretary for Education

c.c. Heads of Sections – for information

## “We Write • We Sing” Music Competition

### Aims / Objectives

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to invite primary and secondary schools to participate in the “We Write • We Sing” Music Competition (the Competition), which is co-organised by the Arts Education (AE) Section and the English Language Education (ELE) Section of the Curriculum Development Institute (CDI), the Education Bureau (EDB).

### Details

2. The Competition aims to:
  - encourage students to enhance their creativity and singing skills through engaging in lyrics writing and singing performance;
  - enrich students’ language (both Chinese and English) and music learning experiences;
  - promote Language across the Curriculum and cross-curricular collaboration in schools; and
  - nurture proper values and attitudes in students.
  
3. The Competition is open to primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong. For details, please refer to Appendix 10a and visit the website of the Competition (<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/wewritewesing>) or scan the QR code below.



4. In support of the Competition, the following events will be organised:

Date (Tentative)	Event	Target participants
27 October 2023 (Friday)	Online Briefing Session	Teachers in primary and secondary schools
6 December 2023 (Wednesday)	Lyrics Writing Workshop (Secondary)	Teachers and students in secondary schools
11 December 2023 (Monday)	Lyrics Writing Workshop (Primary)	Teachers in primary schools
13 December 2023 (Wednesday)	Pop Singing Workshop (Primary and Secondary)	Teachers in primary schools, and teachers and students in secondary schools

Please refer to Items 7 and 8 in Appendix 10a for details. Schools should complete the **Application Form** or scan the QR code below by **24 October 2023 (Tuesday)** to enrol on the event(s) and obtain the Music Minus Ones (MMOs) and lead sheets of the melodies.

<https://forms.office.com/r/v2b6G845pZ>



5. Interested schools should submit the entry/entries and the original copy of the completed **Entry Submission Form** and **Declaration and Consent Form** by hand or by post to the EDB on or before **28 March 2024 (Thursday)**. Please refer to Item 3 in Appendix 10a for the forms and details about submission.

### **Contact Person**

6. For enquiries, please contact Ms Winnie LI of the Arts Education Section at 3698 3534 or Ms Samantha TSANG of the English Language Education Section, Curriculum Development Institution, Education Bureau at 2892 6572.