

An e-Book *Traditional Chinese Festivals*

Purpose

This is to inform heads, English Language panel chairpersons and English teachers of primary schools about the dissemination of the captioned e-book.

Details

2. The Curriculum Development Institute has newly developed the captioned English e-book to facilitate students in learning English at the primary level and provide resources to enrich their cross-curricular reading experiences. In addition, through learning about the origin, customs and significance of traditional Chinese festivals, students can understand and appreciate the essence of Chinese culture, such as showing respect for ancestors, filial piety, upholding the importance of family and love for our country, thereby cultivating a sense of national identity in them, and fostering their development of proper values and attitudes.

3. The e-book is particularly suitable for upper primary students. It features four traditional Chinese festivals, namely Chinese New Year, the Ching Ming Festival, the Dragon Boat Festival and the Mid-Autumn Festival, and includes a writing task. A core text, an extended text and a short video are provided for each of the festivals and supplemented with learning activities to help students enhance their reading skills, understand different festivals, develop their interest in traditional Chinese culture and guide them to respect, appreciate and inherit the Chinese culture. The writing task is designed to connect students' reading and writing experiences and develop their creative writing skills. Besides, the interactive features of the e-book can facilitate students' self-directed learning.

4. Schools are encouraged to adapt the e-book for school-based storytelling activities. Besides, teachers could select a festival and integrate it into a teaching unit with a related theme. The other festivals could be used for extended reading.



5. *Traditional Chinese Festivals* can be accessed on the web page of the English Language Education Section of the Education Bureau ([https://www.edb.gov.hk/Chinese Festivals](https://www.edb.gov.hk/Chinese_Festivals)).



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