

EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 44/2020

From: Permanent Secretary for Education To: Supervisors / principals of government schools, aided schools (including special schools), caput schools and Direct Subsidy Scheme primary and secondary schools

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Extension of the period of the “One-off Grant for the Promotion of Chinese History and Culture” and the “Non-recurrent Grant for Supporting Non-Chinese Speaking Students to learn Chinese History and Culture”

Summary

This circular memorandum aims to inform schools about the extension of the period of the “One-off Grant for the Promotion of Chinese History and Culture” (one-off grant) and the “Non-recurrent Grant for Supporting Non-Chinese Speaking Students to learn Chinese History and Culture” (non-recurrent grant). This circular memorandum should be read in conjunction with the EDBCM No. 119/2017 on “Provision of the One-off Grant for the Promotion of Chinese History and Culture” and EDBCM No. 86/2019 on “Provision of the Non-recurrent Grant for Supporting Non-Chinese Speaking Students to learn Chinese History and Culture”.

Details

2. To reinforce primary and secondary students’ interest in and understanding of Chinese history and Chinese culture, the Education Bureau (EDB) has provided a one-off grant of \$100,000 and \$150,000 respectively to each public sector and Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) primary and secondary school, including special schools, in August 2017. In addition, to support NCS students’ learning of Chinese History using the Chinese language, EDB has also provided a non-recurrent grant of \$50,000 per school year in the 2018/19 and 2019/20 school year to each public sector and Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) secondary school, including special school, that have admitted junior secondary NCS students studying in local curriculum.

3. We are aware that, in recent months, some primary and secondary schools are affected by the coronavirus outbreak and class suspension, and learning activities (including those related to Chinese history and Chinese culture) originally scheduled for this school year have been cancelled. As a result, schools are unable to use the unspent balance of the two grants within this school year.

4. Taking into consideration the very special circumstances arising from the pandemic, the EDB has decided to extend the period in which the said grants may be used by schools to arrange learning activities for one year as a special arrangement for schools, from the end of 2019/20 school year to the end of the 2020/21 school year (i.e. end of August 2021). This special arrangement will enable schools that have received the said grant(s) to continue to make use of the unspent balance of the grant(s) in the next school year (2020/21 school year) to promote the learning of Chinese history and Chinese culture. The usage and ambit of the grants will remain unchanged. For details, please refer to the EDBCM No. 119/2017 on “Provision of the One-off Grant for the Promotion of Chinese History and Culture” and EDBCM No. 86/2019 on “Provision of the Non-recurrent Grant for Supporting Non-Chinese Speaking Students to learn Chinese History and Culture”.

Enquiry

5. For enquiries, please contact the following officers of the Personal, Social and Humanities Education Section, Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau:

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