



Pilot Scheme on Other Languages for Junior Secondary Students

(Funded by Quality Education Fund)

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Council & Secondary Section 1
Curriculum Development Institute
Education Bureau



ENHANCED ABILITY TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE WORLDWIDE

- **Cross-Cultural Connection / Travel**
- **Career & Economic Opportunities**
- **Cultural Awareness / Global Perspectives / Empathy**
- **Cognitive Development – Abilities in Learning Other Languages**
- **Self-confidence & Adaptability**

Update to the Pilot Scheme & Details of the Second Round

Background

Strengthened measures in the Chief Executive's 2024 Policy Address

- Implement a pilot scheme in the 2024/25 school year to encourage schools to apply for additional resources to provide opportunities for junior secondary students to learn "other languages" and enrich their learning experiences. (EDB)



Established support

- Senior secondary (SS) students can take other languages (OL) as one of the SS elective subjects (HKDSE Examination Category C subjects)
- SS students can choose to study one of the seven designated OL as an elective subject:
 - ❖ French
 - ❖ German
 - ❖ Hindi
 - ❖ Japanese
 - ❖ Korean
 - ❖ Spanish
 - ❖ Urdu

Objectives

1

Enhance students' **interest and capabilities** in learning OL

2

Facilitate **stronger articulation** of learning OL between the JS and SS levels

3

Expand students' **global perspective**

2

Main update: Inclusion of Hindi

Including Hindi in the
Category C subject in the
2028 HKDSE Exam

Including Hindi in the ambit
of Diversity Learning
Grant – Other Languages

One of the objectives of the Pilot Scheme:
Facilitate a stronger articulation in
students' learning of OL between the JS
and SS levels

Including Hindi in the
Pilot Scheme

Details (EDBCM No. 218/2025)

■ Funding Amount

- One-off funding of **\$250,000**
(Funded by QEF)

■ Ambit

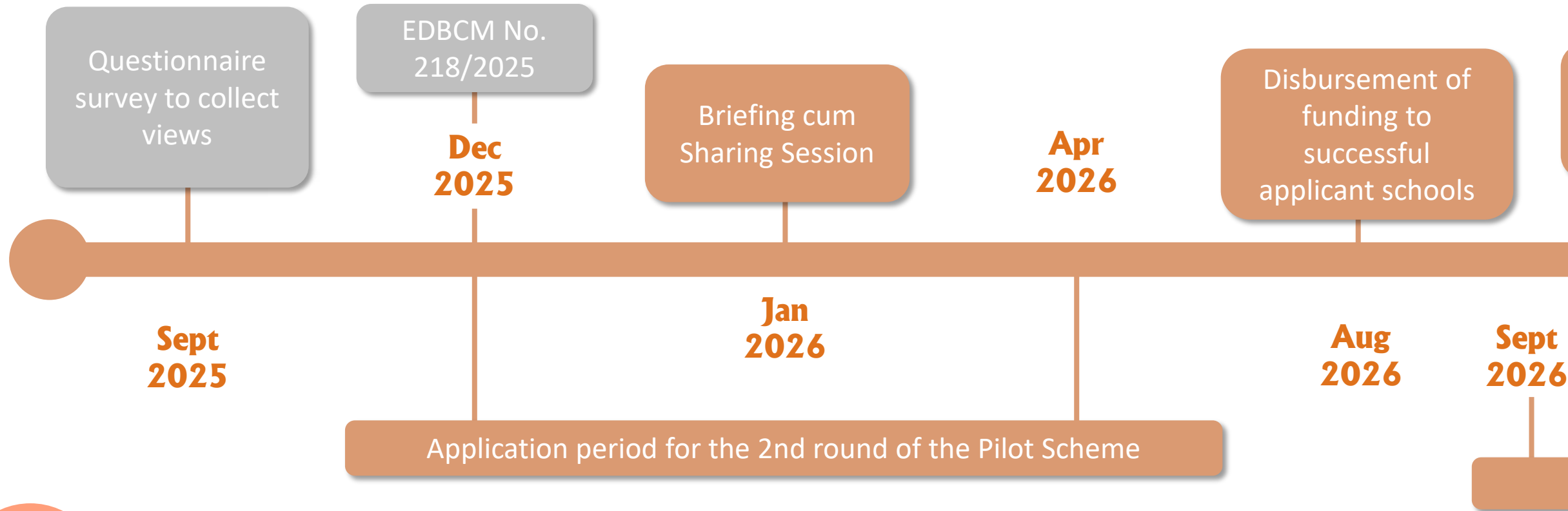
- Hire external services to offer OL courses*
- Purchase learning and teaching materials designed for the OL courses, such as textbooks and workbooks

■ Eligibility

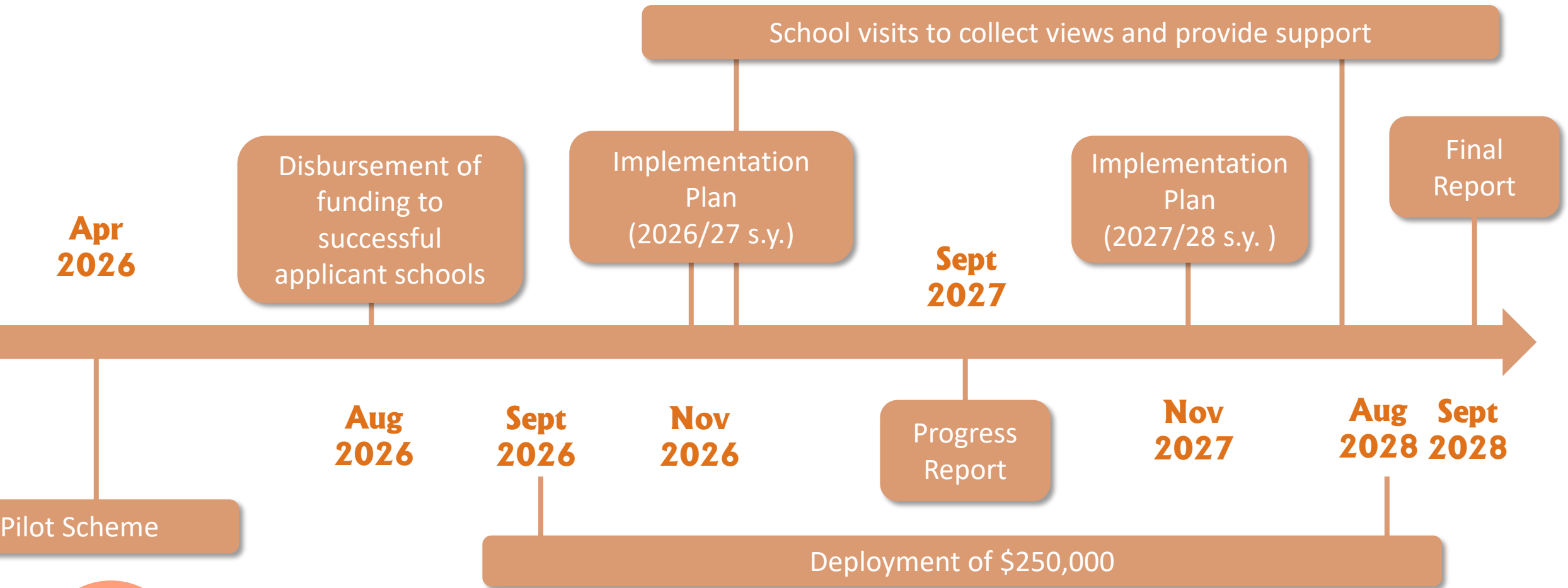
- Publicly-funded secondary schools offering the local JS curriculum:
 - ❖ government schools
 - ❖ aided schools (including special schools)
 - ❖ caput schools
 - ❖ schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS)

* Schools should give priority to providing courses on the seven designated OL which are offered as elective subjects at the SS level, including **French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Urdu**. If there is a need and conditions permit, schools may also consider offering courses of **Arabic and Russian**.

Second Round (2026/27 s.y. to 2027/28 s.y.)



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Support and Resources

Briefing Session


Date: 29 January 2026


Time: 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Venue: WP01B, KTESC

Designated Webpage

<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/JSOL>

 Promotional [video](#), [poster](#)
& Instant Messaging stickers

 Forms and reports

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(Second Round of Application)

School Visits

To provide on-site guidance and
address any specific concerns of
schools

Thank you!
