

Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 162/2023

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To : Heads of Government, Aided
(including Special Schools) and
Direct Subsidy Scheme Primary
Schools

“Knowing More About IT” Programme Office of the Government Chief Information Officer Invitation to Schools to Submit Funding Applications in the 2023/24 School Year and Participate in the Solution Day

Purpose

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to invite publicly-funded primary schools to submit applications for funding under the “Knowing More About IT” Programme in the 2023/24 school year and enrol for the solution day to be held on 16 September 2023.

Details

2. The three-year “Knowing More About IT” Programme launched in the 2021/22 school year aims to provide a funding of up to \$400,000 to all publicly-funded primary schools (Government, Aided (including Special Schools) and Direct Subsidy Scheme schools) in Hong Kong, in order to enhance primary school students’ interest and relevant knowledge in IT through extra-curricular activities (ECAs), thereby better preparing themselves for integration into the knowledge-based economy and the digital society in the future. As of July 2023, more than 400 schools submitted applications for the programme.

3. Given that the “Knowing More About IT” programme will end by the close of the 2023/24 school year, schools should submit applications as soon as possible. Interested schools can submit funding applications in the **2023/24 school year** via the following link (https://www.it-lab.gov.hk/en/application_know-it.php). For details of the Programme and application procedures, please visit the programme website (<https://www.it-lab.gov.hk/>).

4. In order to introduce a wide variety of solutions for IT related ECAs to the principals and teachers, the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) will organise a solution day on 16 September 2023. For details of the solution day, please refer to the Appendix.

Enquiry

5. For enquiries on the “Knowing More About IT” Programme or the solution day, please contact the One-stop Support Centre of “Knowing More About IT” Programme of OGCIIO at 2231 5977 or by email to know-it@ogcio.gov.hk.

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“Knowing More About IT” Programme
Invitation to Submit Application in the 2023/24 School Year and
Participate in the Solution Day

Purpose & Details

The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) launched a three-year “Knowing More About IT” Programme since the 2021/22 school year. The programme aims to stimulate primary school students’ interest in IT and strengthen their basic knowledge in IT applications through extra-curricular activities (ECAs), thereby enhancing their enthusiasm towards pursuing the study of STEM-related subjects and better preparing themselves for integration into the digital society. Each publicly-funded primary school can apply for a funding of up to \$400,000 from OGCIO for three school years from 2021/22 to 2023/24 to organise IT-related ECAs, and procure IT equipment or professional services required for the ECAs. As the programme will end by the close of the 2023/24 school year, OGCIO appeals to all publicly-funded primary schools to seize the opportunity and submit funding applications¹ as early as possible.

2. Schools may visit our programme website (<https://www.it-lab.gov.hk/>) for more information about the programme and submit online application. Application guidelines, FAQ, reference list of IT equipment, sample IT activities, approved applications, presentation materials of sharing sessions, etc. are available on our website for reference. Schools may also submit a draft application to our One-stop Support Centre of the “Knowing More About IT” Programme of OGCIO in advance, we will then provide advice in respect of the information stated in the application.

¹ Each participating school may submit one or more applications and organise multiple activities, provided that the accumulated funding requirements do not exceed \$400,000.

3. In addition, OGCIO will organise the solution day again in September 2023 to introduce IT-related ECAs solutions and provide other reference information to schools. Details of the solution day are as follows:

Date and Time:	16 September 2023 (Saturday) 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Co-organiser:	Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited (Cyberport)
Venue:	1/F Hall, Cheung Sha Wan Community Centre 55 Fat Tseung Street, Cheung Sha Wan
Registration Deadline:	8 September 2023 (Friday)

Principals and teachers who are interested in joining the solutions day can find the rundown at (<https://www.it-lab.gov.hk/en/seminars/2023/0916-itlab-sharing-solution.php>) and complete the registration form at (https://www.it-lab.gov.hk/enrol_202309_en.htm). Successful registration will be notified by email.

4. To better understand the needs of schools such as the themes of ECAs solutions and holding time of the solution day, we appeal to schools to complete the questionnaire via (https://www.it-lab.gov.hk/itlab_qs_202308.php) by **30 September 2023**. Your feedback will definitely help us provide better support in the programme implementation.

Enquiry

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