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Dear Principals and Teachers,

On behalf of the Education Bureau (EDB), I extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to you as we approach the start of a new school year.

The coming school year will usher us into the 30th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland — a glorious milestone that is far more than a measure of time. It stands as a testament to the deep bond between our country and our city, and to the new chapter of prosperity that we have jointly written. The EDB has prepared a series of celebratory and educational events, and is providing resources to support schools' participation. I hope that you will seize every opportunity to organise activities that celebrate this 30th anniversary, thereby strengthening a sense of national pride and identity among teachers and students alike, and passing on our love for the country and Hong Kong to generations to come.

In May this year, the Shenzhou 23 crewed spacecraft was successfully launched. This national spaceflight mission, the first to include a payload specialist from Hong Kong, has filled all our citizens with immense pride. This remarkable achievement not only showcases our country's formidable strength in aerospace science, but also affirms the outstanding contributions of Hong Kong's own talent, offering schools the most vivid and moving material for national education. We encourage kindergartens to seize this rare opportunity, turning the arduous journey of our country's aerospace endeavours and Dr Lai Ka ying's spirit of perseverance into inspiring stories that enlighten young minds. Through such gentle and steady guidance, children will come to appreciate our country's achievements in development and the national spirit of resilience and self reliance. In this way, a sense of belonging to our country will be cultivated in them from an early age, allowing the seeds of love for the Chinese nation to take root naturally in their young hearts.

We understand that every kindergarten has its own distinct vision and school based needs. To better support schools in promoting national education and parent education, the EDB provided a consolidated one off grant last October, giving schools greater flexibility in deploying their resources. We are pleased to see schools drawing on this funding to plan a diverse range of learning activities, helping children learn about our nation, Chinese culture and traditional values through their everyday experiences and interests, and, through parent education and parent child activities, supporting parents in nurturing a sense of nationhood in their young children.

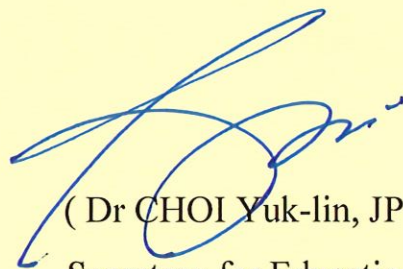
In today's digital age, where technology advances by leaps and bounds, education must keep pace with the times. To this end, the EDB has published *the Blueprint for Digital Education Development in Primary and Secondary Schools*, setting out a clear direction and strategies to drive digital transformation in education. At the kindergarten level, however, the focus of innovation and technology education lies not in pursuing high end equipment, but in igniting children's natural curiosity about the world while nurturing their inquisitive minds and problem solving skills. We encourage kindergartens to make good use of the natural environment, letting children connect with nature, explore actively, and build knowledge in real world contexts. By helping young learners appreciate how technology shapes their daily lives, we can foster in them a healthy attitude towards technology from an early age, laying a solid foundation for their future learning.

Kindergarten education serves as the cornerstone of lifelong learning and represents a golden stage for nurturing positive values and attitudes in children. Over the years, each and every one of you, as dedicated educators, has steadfastly upheld the core value of "child centredness". With unwavering passion and professionalism, you have attentively cared for every child, creating a loving and inspiring environment that fosters balanced development across the moral, intellectual, physical, social and aesthetic domains. Your selfless commitment and tireless efforts are the indispensable driving force behind quality kindergarten education. For all of this, please allow me to express my heartfelt gratitude.

Cultivating values and nurturing people is a profound and enduring mission. As we embark on the new school year, let us continue to join hands to tackle challenges with a positive mindset, embrace opportunities with an enterprising spirit, and watch over every child with genuine care and inclusivity. Together, we shall create a joyful and enriching environment in which our children can flourish. May we raise a new generation that holds our home and nation dear, dares to explore, and finds joy in learning, as we jointly pave the way for an even brighter future for our country and Hong Kong.

I wish you all a smooth and successful school year ahead, and the very best of health.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Choi', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

(Dr CHOI Yuk-lin, JP)
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