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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 deepen students' understanding of our nation's development, and of Hong Kong's journey and achievements under "One Country, Two Systems". This will help them appreciate that the stability and prosperity we enjoy here would not be possible without the strong backing of our motherland. I am confident that the joy of celebrating this 30th anniversary will further strengthen a sense of national pride and identity among teachers and students alike, passing on our love for the country and Hong Kong to generations to come.

In May this year, payload specialist Dr Lai Ka ying embarked on the Shenzhou 23 mission. Speaking from space, our city's first astronaut remarked that her journey vividly illustrated the valuable opportunities brought to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by the strong backing of our country under "One Country, Two Systems". The successful launch has sparked aerospace dreams in countless young minds. As the saying goes, "No distance is insurmountable for those with aspiration." In an era of rapid national development, an unprecedented array of possibilities awaits our younger generation. Schools are encouraged to harness this surge of enthusiasm for space and strengthen the aerospace science elements in the Primary and Secondary Science curricula. Meanwhile, the EDB will draw on existing resources to organise a variety of activities that kindle students' interest in and passion for aerospace technology. These activities will also guide students to appreciate our nation's relentless efforts and monumental achievements in space exploration, laying a foundation for their further studies and careers in innovation and technology.

At the same time, the EDB has published *the Blueprint for Digital Education Development in Primary and Secondary Schools* to support the digital transformation of schools. I am pleased to learn that schools have already incorporated digital education into their overall planning for the new school year and are actively using artificial intelligence to assist the teaching of various subjects and foster innovation. To give primary and secondary schools our fullest support in this endeavour, we will continue to work alongside them through curriculum optimisation, teacher training, resource provision, school based support, as well as cross sector exchange and collaboration, thereby nurturing a new generation of talent, equipped with both digital literacy and humanistic qualities.

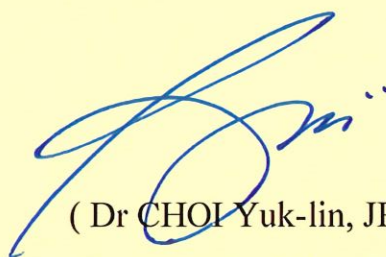
While promoting the digital transformation of education, we also attach great importance to the whole person development of students. An essential mission of education is to cultivate a healthy and positive attitude towards life and to foster the balanced development of body and mind. To this end, our key task for the new school year is to “foster whole person development and promote physical and mental health”. The thematic webpage “Start the New School Year Full of Energy” has been updated to provide schools, students and parents with tips and resources to help them begin the new school year with positivity and optimism. I truly hope that schools will prioritise the cultivation of moral integrity, resilience and a positive mindset when designing curricula and activities, and ensure a caring and supportive environment in which every student can flourish.

A harmonious and inclusive school environment is fundamental to students’ healthy growth. The EDB has consistently adopted a “zero tolerance” policy on school bullying; any act of bullying, in whatever form and for whatever reason, is entirely unacceptable. In the new school year, we will launch the “Well being Campaign on Anti bullying and Mental Health”, working with the school sector to spread anti bullying messages far and wide. We will also organise a series of training programmes and diverse activities for teachers and parents, and provide relevant teaching materials and reference resources. By promoting values such as “respect”, “companionship” and “kindness”, we aim to guide students to develop compassion, empathy and a spirit of mutual respect, care and support. I appeal to all schools to review their anti bullying policies and measures regularly and to strengthen preventive education. Together, we will make our campuses truly harmonious and inclusive.

Cultivating values and nurturing people is a profound and enduring mission. As we embark on the new school year, let us join hands to tackle challenges with a positive mindset, embrace opportunities with an enterprising spirit, and watch over every student with genuine care and inclusivity. May we raise a new generation of virtuous and talented young people who hold our home and nation dear, 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,



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