

**EDUCATION BUREAU
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From : Secretary for Education

To : Heads of Secondary and Primary
Schools, Special Schools and
Kindergartens

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The 30th Anniversary of Hong Kong’s Return to the Motherland:

**Title Scheme for the “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country”
Joint School National Education Activities (2026/27 school year)**

Purpose

This circular memorandum encourages schools to continue to actively participate in the Title Scheme for the “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country” joint school national education activities (Title Scheme) in the 2026/27 school year, and to celebrate together the important occasion of the 30th anniversary of Hong Kong’s return to the motherland, mobilising the school sector in fostering patriotic education.

Background

2. The Education Bureau (EDB) took the lead in launching the “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country” series of joint school national education activities in government schools in the 2022/23 school year, by adopting a whole-school and joint-school collaborative approach and in accordance with the “National Education – Event Planning Calendar” issued by the EDB for promoting national education. Since its implementation, the “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country” series of activities has developed into signature joint school national education activities in the school sector, involving the participation and support of school sponsoring bodies, school councils and stakeholders, fostering collaboration among the school sector and different stakeholders to leverage synergies.

3. To tie in with the “Patriotic Education Law of the People’s Republic of China” effective since 1 January 2024, the Chief Executive announced in the 2025 Policy Address that the “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country” series of activities would be regularised and popularised starting from the 2025/26 school year and the Title Scheme be established in this regard. The school sector has responded favourably to the Title Scheme. In the 2025/26 school year, nearly 80 applications, involving over 200 schools and organisations, were approved. The activities covered all 18 districts in Hong Kong, creating a broader platform to jointly promote patriotic education.

4. 1 July 2027 will mark the 30th anniversary of Hong Kong’s return to the motherland. This is a highly significant occasion, as it not only demonstrates the successful implementation of “one country, two systems”, but also signifies that Hong Kong, with its unique advantage of being “backed by the motherland and connected to the world”, is embarking on a new journey. The school sector in Hong Kong has all along been actively promoting national education (including national security education), with a view to strengthening students’ understanding of the country and their sense of national identity. In the coming school year, the school sector can take this opportunity to organise a wide range of national education activities, enabling students to review Hong Kong’s steady development over the past 30 years and to look ahead. Through these activities, students can better appreciate how Hong Kong can leverage its strengths to meet the country’s needs and more effectively integrate into the country’s overall development.

Details

5. The EDB invites schools to organise quality joint school national education activities and apply to have them included as titled activities of the “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country” series in the 2026/27 school year. Schools with successful applications can officially name the activities as ‘**2026/27 School Year “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country” Titled Activity**’, and use the “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country” logo (see the image below) when organising relevant activities. Information on the activities will be uploaded to the EDB’s relevant webpage (<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/lohtoc>) for public reference.



Eligibility

6. All secondary and primary schools, kindergartens as well as school councils are eligible to apply for organising titled activity(ies) of the “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country” series in the 2026/27 school year themed around the 30th anniversary of Hong Kong’s return to the motherland. Schools may submit more than one application for titled activities. The activity planned to be organised should meet the following criteria:

- (i) adopt a joint-school collaborative approach (including sister schools);
- (ii) adopt the annual theme “the 30th anniversary of Hong Kong’s return to the motherland”; and
- (iii) suggest to adopt the priority sub-theme “My Aerospace Dream” to celebrate the participation of the first Hong Kong astronaut in the national spaceflight mission (e.g. Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Hong Kong’s Return to the Motherland cum My Aerospace Dream); or fit one or more of the following sub-theme(s) (e.g. Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Hong Kong’s Return to the Motherland cum Chinese Culture Day, Sister School Exchange Activities for the 30th Anniversary of Hong Kong’s Return to the Motherland):
 - Chinese culture (e.g. Chinese costumes, Chinese cuisine, martial arts, Chinese dance, calligraphy)
 - Chinese intangible cultural heritage
 - Native place
 - Chinese history
 - National Security Education Day (i.e. April 15)
 - Major fields of national security

Application

7. Schools/school councils interested in applying for organising titled activities of the “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country” series in the 2026/27 school year should complete the application form at [Annex](#), and return it to the School Governance and Efficiency 5 Section of the EDB **by 30 September 2026 (Wednesday) or at least two months before the activity is held**. The EDB will notify schools of the results via email within one month after receiving the applications.

8. To support schools in organising quality national education activities, the Quality Education Fund (QEF) has launched the Enhanced “My Pledge to Act” (EMPA) Funding Programme (application deadline: 31 August 2026) and the EMPA Funding Programme (Phase 2) (EMPA Phase 2) (application deadline: 31 August 2028). Publicly-funded schools which have not submitted any application may submit to the QEF one application with funding sought not exceeding \$300,000 or an EMPA Phase 2 application; kindergartens joining the kindergarten education scheme may submit to the QEF one application with funding sought not exceeding \$150,000 or an EMPA Phase 2 application. For details, please refer to the EDB Circular Memorandum No. 111/2025 “Quality Education Fund Funding Programmes”.



9. Besides, schools may exercise relevant funding flexibly in accordance with the ambit of various grants, including the Life-wide Learning and Sister School Grant, Operating Expenses Block Grant/ Expanded Operating Expenses Block Grant (applicable to aided schools), Fee Subsidy (applicable to caput schools) and Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) subsidy (applicable to DSS schools), to organise national education activities.

10. Please note that if schools engage external individuals or organisations in conducting school activities, prudent choices should be made to ensure that the activities organised in the name of the school have fulfilled the EDB’s guidelines, and the messages conveyed to students by the individuals/ organisations concerned are consistent with the learning goals and curriculum objectives of school education; and further ensure that the activities do not involve contents endangering national security, promoting political propaganda or improper values, as well as involving any sensitive and controversial issues.

Enquiries

11. For enquiries regarding application for the Title Scheme for the “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country” series of activities in the 2026/27 school year, please contact the School Governance and Efficiency 5 Section of the EDB at 3509 7453; for enquiries regarding the EMPA Funding Programme and EMPA Funding Programme (Phase 2), please contact the QEF Secretariat at 2921 8833.

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for Secretary for Education

c.c. Heads of Sections – for information

**Application for the Title Scheme for
the “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country” Series of Activities
in the 2026/27 School Year**

(Please email the completed application form to
the School Governance and Efficiency 5 Section of the EDB
by 30 September 2026 (Wednesday) or at least two months before the activity is held)

To: School Governance and Efficiency 5 Section, EDB (email: sge5@edb.gov.hk)

Our school/school council would apply for organising a titled activity of the “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country” series in the 2026/27 school year. Relevant joint school national education activity is planned as follows:

Information on activity

Organising school(s) / school council(s) ¹ :	(1)	
	(2)	
	(3)	
Co-organising school(s) / school council(s) (if applicable) ¹ :	(1)	
	(2)	
	(3)	
Contact person of the activity:	Name:	Post:
	School Name:	
	Phone number:	Email:
Name of activity ² :		

¹ The titled activity of the “Love Our Home, Treasure Our Country” series should be organised by adopting a joint-school collaborative approach. In other words, if there is only one organising school, the school should co-organise the activity concerned with other school(s).

² The activity name should include the element of the 30th anniversary of Hong Kong’s return to the motherland, for example, “Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Hong Kong’s Return to the Motherland cum Chinese Culture Day” and “Chinese Music Ensemble in Celebration of Hong Kong’s Return to the Motherland”.

<p>Objective(s) of the activity: (No more than 100 words)</p>		
<p>Theme of activity: (may '✓' more than one item)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The 30th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My Aerospace Dream (priority sub-theme)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chinese culture Please specify the item(s): _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chinese intangible cultural heritage</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Native place</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Chinese history</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> National Security Education Day</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Major fields of national security</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Others: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Estimated number of participants (including students, parents, teachers, sister schools and the public):</p>		
<p>Format/ content of activity: (No more than 200 words)</p>		

Date of activity (Proposed): (If preliminary round, final round and award presentation ceremony are involved, please list the date of each activity separately)	Date of activity to be held (tentative) : _____
	Date of preliminary round (if applicable) : _____
	Date of final round (if applicable) : _____
	Date of award presentation ceremony (if applicable) : _____

Please put a '✓' in the following boxes as confirmation:

- The school will arrange staff members to monitor the above activity.
- If the school engages external individuals or organisations in conducting school activities, prudent choices will be made to ensure that the activities organised in the name of the school fulfill the EDB's guidelines, and the messages conveyed to students by the individuals/ organisations concerned are consistent with the learning goals and curriculum objectives of school education; and further ensure that the activities do not involve contents endangering national security, promoting political propaganda or improper values, as well as involving any sensitive and controversial issues.

Signature of School Head /
Chairperson of School
Council

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Name of School Head /
Chairperson of School
Council

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Name of School³

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School Registration
Number³

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³ If the applicant is the Chairperson of a school council, please provide the name and school number of his / her school.