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To: Supervisors and Principals of all Secondary Schools, Primary Schools, Special Schools, Schools Offering Non-local Curriculum, Kindergartens / Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres and Private Schools Offering Non-formal Curriculum

Dear Supervisor / Principal,

**Mourning Former President of  
the People's Republic of China, Mr Jiang Zemin**

The Former President of the People's Republic of China, Mr Jiang Zemin, passed away on 30 November 2022 and the memorial service will be held on 6 December at 10:00 am. The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) will mourn with all citizens.

In light of this, secondary and primary schools (including special schools) and kindergartens (KGs) offering local curriculum are required to fly flags (including the National Flag and the HKSAR Regional Flag) at half staff on the day of the memorial service on 6 December, and suspend all celebration activities, such as celebrations and parties. That said, graduation ceremonies or prize-giving ceremonies can still be conducted. As for the non-celebratory activities held that day, entertainment and performance elements should not be included. In addition, schools should, taking into account their schools' circumstances, arrange teachers and students to observe three minutes' mourning in silence from 10:00 am that day to express our condolences with Mainland compatriots. The memorial service will be broadcast live. The Education Bureau suggests schools to make planning in advance and arrange teachers and students to watch the memorial service.

If international schools, other private secondary schools, primary schools and KGs offering non-local curriculum are equipped with flagpoles, they are required to fly flags at half staff. They should also, taking into account their schools' circumstances, arrange to observe mourning in silence and suspend all celebration activities.

Schools have to note that the flag flown at half staff on 6 December must be arranged in accordance with the National Flag and National Emblem Ordinance, where the national flag should be first hoisted to the peak of the staff and then lowered to a point where the distance between the top of the flag and the peak of the staff is one third of the length of the staff; the flag, when lowered, shall be again hoisted to the peak before it is lowered. For details, please refer to the following information:

[https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/A401!en?INDEX\\_CS=N](https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/A401!en?INDEX_CS=N)

Apart from the special arrangement on 6 December, schools are required to display the national flag and regional flag, and hold the national flag raising ceremony as usual on other days.

For enquiries, please contact the respective Senior School Development Officer or Senior Services Officer.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Education