

Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. EDBCM 65/2018

From : Secretary for Education

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

Ref. : EDB/QEF/55/6

Date : 25 May 2018

Quality Education Fund Briefing Sessions on Priority Themes for 2018/19 and Dedicated Funding Programme for Publicly-funded Schools

Summary

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to inform secondary schools, primary schools, special schools and kindergartens that the Quality Education Fund (QEF) will launch the priority themes for 2018/19 and the Dedicated Funding Programme for Publicly-funded Schools proposed in the 2018-19 Budget. School heads and teachers are invited to attend the briefing sessions to be held in June 2018.

Background

2. The QEF has been supporting the development of quality education in Hong Kong since its establishment in 1998. It aims to support innovations, enrich students' learning experiences and encourage school-based initiatives.

3. To continue to tie in with the prevailing development directions of the local education sector and the changing needs of society and schools, 11 priority themes for 2018/19 will be launched for 2018/19 to enhance the quality of school education. A list of the 11 priority themes is at **Annex I**.

4. In addition, upon the invitation of the Government in the 2018-19 Budget, the QEF Steering Committee has decided to allocate \$3 billion to set up the Dedicated Funding Programme for Publicly-funded Schools for application by kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, and special schools, through simplified procedures, for launching school-based curriculum development and student support measures, as well as the relevant school improvement works and procurement of supplies to optimise learning from various aspects.

5. For further details of the priority themes and the Dedicated Funding Programme for Publicly-funded Schools, applicants may refer to the *Guide to Applicants* to be posted on the QEF website (<http://qef.org.hk>) on 29 May 2018.

Briefing sessions

6. To familiarise schools with the priority themes for 2018/19, the Dedicated Funding Programme for Publicly-funded Schools and the application procedures, briefing sessions will be organised on 1 June 2018 (Friday) for kindergartens, on 4 June 2018 (Monday morning) for primary schools and special schools and on 4 June 2018 (Monday afternoon) for secondary schools and special schools. School heads and/or representatives are cordially invited to attend any of the briefing sessions where appropriate. Please refer to **Annex II** for details and return the reply slip at **Annex III** for enrolment.

7. In the event of public announcement by the Secretary for Education that all schools are to be closed as a result of adverse weather conditions (e.g. tropical cyclone or rainstorm), the briefing session will be cancelled.

Enquiry

8. For enquiries, please contact the QEF Secretariat on 2921 8833.

Ms Jenny CHAN
for Secretary for Education

c.c. Heads of Sections - for information

Priority Themes for 2018/19

Learning and Teaching

- (1) Catering for Learners' Diversity
- (2) Effective Learning and Teaching of Languages
- (3) Enhancing Learning & Teaching, and Assessment Literacy with a view to Enhancing Student Learning Outcomes in Primary General Studies, Key Learning Areas/Subject Curricula and Liberal Studies
- (4) Using e-learning (IT) for Effective Learning
- (5) Values Education
- (6) Creative Arts and Culture Education

Support for Students and School Ethos

- (7) Healthy Lifestyle and Positive Development of Students
- (8) Support for Students with Diverse Needs
- (9) Promoting Whole-person Development among Kindergarten Children

Management and Organisation

- (10) Supporting Effective School Management and Leadership
- (11) Teacher Development and Wellness for Promoting Schools as Learning Organisations

Quality Education Fund
Briefing Sessions on Priority Themes for 2018/19
Dedicated Funding Programme for Publicly-funded Schools

Date : 1 June 2018 (Friday)

Time : 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Venue: Room WP01, Podium, West Block,
EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre,
19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong

Target Group: Kindergartens and Organisations related to Kindergarten Education

Programme:

9:30 – 9:35 am	Welcoming Speech	QEF Secretariat
9:35 – 10:15 am	Introduction of Priority Themes, Application and Assessment	QEF Secretariat
10:15 – 10:40 am	Sharing by Successful QEF Applicant Project Title: Smart Kids (2016/0159)	Ms WONG Ka-wai School Head Po Leung Kuk Tse Wong Pui Kuen Kindergarten cum Nursery School
10:40 – 11:10 am	Q & A Session	QEF Secretariat
11:10 – 11:20 am	Break	
11:20 am – 12:30 pm	Proposal Writing Workshop (in groups)	QEF Secretariat

Remarks: Due to limited seating capacity, we would only be able to accommodate at most three representatives from each kindergarten on a first-come-first-served basis.

Please confirm your attendance by completing the attached reply slip and returning it by fax (2186 8183) to the QEF Secretariat on or before **30 May 2018 (Wednesday)**. The representative(s) is/are required to produce the completed reply slip for admission.

Quality Education Fund
Briefing Sessions on Priority Themes for 2018/19 and
Dedicated Funding Programme for Publicly-funded Schools

Date: 4 June 2018 (Monday)
Time: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Venue: Room WB, 4/F, West Block,
EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre,
19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong
Target Group: Primary Schools and Special Schools

Programme:

9:30 – 9:35 am	Welcoming Speech	QEF Secretariat
9:35 – 10:05 am	Introduction of Priority Themes, Application and Assessment	QEF Secretariat
10:05 – 10:20 am	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education	Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau
10:20 – 10:40 am	Sharing by Successful QEF Applicant Project Title: TWGHs Joint Primary School Soccer Ambassador Programme (2015/0489)	Ms WONG Kit-ming School Head TWGHs Lo Yu Chik Primary School Ms FUNG Yuk-yi School Head TWGHs Ma Kam Chan Memorial Primary School
10:40 – 11:10 am	Q & A Session	QEF Secretariat
11:10 – 11:20 am	Break	
11:20 am – 12:30 pm	Proposal Writing Workshop (in groups)	QEF Secretariat

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Quality Education Fund
Briefing Sessions on Priority Themes for 2018/19 and
Dedicated Funding Programme for Publicly-funded Schools

Date: 4 June 2018 (Monday)
Time: 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Venue: Room WB, 4/F, West Block,
EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre,
19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong
Target Group: Secondary Schools and Special Schools

Programme:

2:30 – 2:35 pm	Welcoming Speech	QEF Secretariat
2:35 – 3:05 pm	Introduction of Priority Themes, Application and Assessment	QEF Secretariat
3:05 – 3:20 pm	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education	Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau
3:20 – 3:40 pm	Sharing by Successful QEF Applicant Project Title: Women as Role Models: Stories of successful female leaders in Hong Kong – A Profile Writing Project with a Professional Journalist (2016/0231)	Mr CHEUNG Pak-ki Kowloon True Light School
3:40 – 4:10 pm	Q & A Session	QEF Secretariat
4:10 – 4:20 pm	Break	
4:20 – 5:30 pm	Proposal Writing Workshop (in groups)	QEF Secretariat

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Reply Slip

To: Quality Education Fund Secretariat
 (Attn: Mr Vincent NG)
 (Fax: 2186 8183)

**Quality Education Fund
 Briefing Sessions on Priority Themes for 2018/19 and
 Dedicated Funding Programme for Publicly-funded Schools**

_____ # representative(s) will attend the briefing session. (Please tick “✓” the session your representative(s) will attend.)

- | <u>Date, Time and Venue</u> | <u>Target Groups</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 June 2018 (Friday)
9:30 am to 12:30 pm
EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre
<input type="checkbox"/> Briefing on Application (9:30 am to 11:10 am)
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposal Writing Workshop (11:20 am to 12:30 pm) | Kindergartens and Organisations related to Kindergarten Education |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 June 2018 (Monday)
2:30 pm to 5:30 pm
EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre
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<input type="checkbox"/> Proposal Writing Workshop (4:20 pm to 5:30 pm) | Secondary Schools and Special Schools |

Language: Cantonese

Name of representative(s): (i) _____
 (ii) _____
 (iii) _____

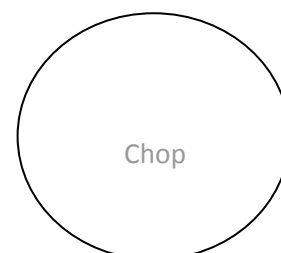
Name of Head of School / Kindergarten: _____

Name of School / Kindergarten: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Fax No.: _____

Date : _____



Please state the number of representative(s) attending the briefing. At most three representatives from each school / kindergarten could attend the briefing.

Note: There will be no further confirmation of the briefing. Please arrive punctually and produce the reply slip for admission. Parking space will not be available.

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