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To: Heads of Primary and Secondary Schools  
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The 6th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition

SUMMARY

The purpose of this circular memorandum aims to inform heads of primary and secondary schools about “The 6th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition” (referred to as the Competition hereafter) organised by the Curriculum Development Institute, the Education Bureau (EDB) for promoting Basic Law education. Please encourage more students to participate.

DETAILS

2. The Basic Law is a constitutional document for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), in which the important concepts of “One Country, Two Systems”, “Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong” and a high degree of autonomy are enshrined in the form of the law. It also prescribes the various systems to be practised in the HKSAR, and is of great relevance to our daily lives.

3. The EDB has always attached great importance to the promotion of the Basic Law education through diversified and ongoing measures, such as curriculum enrichment, teacher training, teaching resources, students activities etc. so that Basic Law education can keep up with the times. In tandem with the work of the Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee, the EDB continues to organise the Competition this year to encourage primary and secondary students to read materials relating to the Basic Law so as to deepen their understanding of its content and the inseparable relationship between Hong Kong and the Mainland, as well as to enhance their knowledge about the history of the establishment, development and achievements of the HKSAR. In commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Basic Law, questions regarding historical development and achievements since the founding of the People’s Republic of China will be added in the Competition with an aim to strengthening students’ understanding of our country in these aspects through preparation for and participation in the competition. Respective schedule and regulations are attached at Annex 1 and 2 respectively. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and depending on the actual circumstances, the EDB will decide if there will be an on-site Final for the Competition.

4. In order to further strengthen primary and secondary students’ understanding of the Basic Law, including the important concepts of “One Country, Two Systems”, as well as the latest development of our country, besides awarding “The Most Active Participation Award” to the first thirty schools with the highest student participation rates from respective primary and secondary sections, the EDB will also invite these awarded schools for nomination of principals, teachers and students to take part in an enriched Basic Law study tour to be organised at a later date. The destination of the study tour is to be confirmed. The EDB will be responsible for the relevant expenses of the study tour. Participating schools will be informed of the details
of the study tour in due course.

5. Five schools with the highest average scores among the awarded schools of each section in the Heat will be shortlisted for the Final. The EDB will also invite these five schools to nominate students to participate in a nationwide competition in the Mainland, entitled 「第五屆全國學生「學憲法講憲法」活動全國總決賽」 in the 2020/21 school year to enhance students’ understanding of the Constitution of our country and Basic Law as well as broaden their horizon. Participating schools will be informed of the details of the competition in due course.

ENQUIRY

6. For general enquiries, please contact the Moral, Civic and National Education Section, Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau at 2153 7433 or 2153 7429. For enquiries about the accounts of Hong Kong Education City, please contact Hong Kong Education City at 2624 1000 or by email at info@hkedcity.net.

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cc: Heads of Sections – for information

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1 Depending on the latest development of the COVID-19, the EDB will decide whether there will be an on-site Final. Details will be announced later.
Annex 1

The 6th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition

Events and Schedule

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<td>24 April (Friday) to 12 May (Tuesday) 2020</td>
<td>Schools to <strong>submit the duly completed entry form</strong> for “The 6th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition” on the website of Hong Kong Education City. <a href="http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/reg">http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/reg</a></td>
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<td>13 May (Wednesday) to 15 May (Friday) 2020</td>
<td><strong>Trial run for the Heat (online competition)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Secondary Section (Secondary 1-3) : <a href="http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/sec">http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/sec</a>&lt;br&gt;Primary Section (Primary 4-6) : <a href="http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/pri">http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/pri</a></td>
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<td><strong>The Heat (online competition)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Secondary Section (Secondary 1-3) : <a href="http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/sec">http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/sec</a>&lt;br&gt;Primary Section (Primary 4-6) : <a href="http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/pri">http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/pri</a></td>
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<td><strong>Announcement of the shortlisted schools for the Heat (online competition)</strong> under “What’s New” on the website of the Moral, Civic and National Education Section of the EDB. <a href="http://www.edb.gov.hk/cd/mcne">http://www.edb.gov.hk/cd/mcne</a></td>
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#Note: In consideration of the latest development of the COVID-19, the EDB will inform schools of the arrangement of the Final later. If the Final could be held as scheduled, the shortlisted schools for the Heat (online competition) could nominate students to take part in the on-site Final.
Annex 2

The 6th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition
Regulations

Theme

- Understanding Justice and Law, Living a Colourful Life

Aims

- To enhance students’ understanding of the Basic Law, including the important concepts of “One Country, Two Systems”, its origin and the spirit of the constitution;
- To help students understand the constitutional status of the Basic Law;
- To enrich students’ understanding of the relationship between the Basic Law and the lives of Hong Kong people, including rights and responsibilities;
- To broaden students’ knowledge about history of the establishment, development and achievements of the HKSAR as well as how the Basic Law could facilitate the development of the HKSAR;
- To help students understand the obligation to abide by the laws in force in the HKSAR; and
- To encourage students to understand the development of our country in various aspects.

Details of the Competition

- The Competition consists of the Heat and the Final and a trial run is scheduled before the Heat (online competition).
- Entrants are categorized into:
  - Secondary Section: Secondary 1-3 students; or
  - Primary Section: Primary 4-6 students.

(1) Trial run for the Heat (online competition)

- The organising committee will allow entrants three days to familiarise themselves with the competition mode of the Heat on the webpage of Hong Kong Education City.
- The trial run is scheduled from 13 May (Wednesday) to 15 May (Friday) 2020.

(2) The Heat (online competition)

- Date and time
  - Entrants may participate in the Competition from 18 May (Monday) to 27 May 2020 (Wednesday) on the designated website which is accessible from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.².
  - If classes resume, schools may arrange student entrants to take part in the Competition at the same time or at different time slots. Otherwise, students may participate in the Competition at home.

- Number of entrants
  - No limitation on the number of entrants from each school.

² With the exception of Sunday, IT support from Hong Kong Education City will be provided from Monday to Saturday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.
Details of the Heat
- The Heat of the Competition is staged online in the form of a quiz.
- Each entrant can take part in the Competition once only. They should answer 30 questions within 15 minutes. The criteria of winning the Competition is based on the highest participation rate and highest accuracy in the shortest time. Entrants who are found to take part in the Competition more than once during the period will be disqualified. No appeal will be accepted.
- Entrants can only make reference to the full text of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China and its relevant documents during the Competition.
- Entrants should log into their student accounts of Hong Kong Education City.
- “The Most Active Participation Award” will be awarded to 30 schools with the highest student participation rates from respective primary and secondary sections.

Announcement of the shortlisted schools for the Heat
- The results of the Heat will be announced under “What’s New” on the website of the Moral, Civic and National Education Section of the EDB (http://www.edb.gov.hk/cd/mcne) on 30 June 2020 (Tuesday). Schools going through to the Final will receive notifications by post.

The Final
- In consideration of the latest development of the COVID-19, the EDB will inform schools of the arrangement of the Final later.
- If the Final could be held as scheduled, the five schools with the highest average scores from the awarding schools of “The Most Active Participation Award” from the Heat (i.e. five schools from the primary and secondary sections respectively) will enter the Final. In case of ties, the time spent on answering questions will be adopted as the criterion for deciding which team can go to the Final. Schools entering the Final will compete in teams of three (all entrants should have participated in the Heat).
- No appeal will be accepted. Other details about the Final will be announced later.

Awards
- The Heat (online competition)
  - The “Most Active Participation Award” will be given to the top 30 schools with the highest student participation rates. In case of ties, the award will be given on the basis of the average scores and the time spent on answering questions.
  - A certificate will be awarded for each participating school / student in the Heat (online competition).

The Final
- First, second and third prizes and two merit prizes.
- Details will be announced later.

Application and Deadline
- Schools interested in participating in “The 6th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition” should log into the Principal, Teacher or School Administrator account of Hong Kong Education City (http://www.hkedcity.net/basiclaw/reg) and submit a duly completed entry form (Chinese version only) on or before 12 May 2020 (Tuesday).
- The information collected will be used solely for the purpose of “The 6th Territory-wide
Inter-school Basic Law Competition”. Please ensure that all information submitted is correct before submission.

- Please make sure that students’ accounts of Hong Kong Education City for the current school year have been updated prior to the submission of entry forms, and the correct account information distributed to student entrants before the Heat. Please approach the teacher in-charge or the IT coordinator in school for details. If further assistance is needed, please contact Hong Kong Education City.

**References and Websites**

The following resources are for reference only. In addition to the reference materials and websites listed below, teachers and entrants may refer to other information sources to prepare for the Competition.

(1) Secondary Section

- Constitution and the Basic Law (Chinese version only) (https://www.edb.gov.hk/pshe/constitution-basiclaw)
- Basic Law Online Assessment (Junior Secondary) (https://basiclaw.edb.hkedcity.net/js/assessment)

(2) Primary Section

- Learning the Basic Law, Building a Better Home (http://basiclaw.edb.hkedcity.net/sp/assessment/)

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3 Please use Internet Explorer (IE) to open the link.
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*NB: In case of disputes over the regulations on “The 6th Territory-wide Inter-school Basic Law Competition”, the decisions of the organising committee shall be final. The organising committee reserves the rights to make amendments to the competition regulations, in which case the participating schools will be informed as soon as possible.*