

EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No. 89/2021

From : Secretary for Education

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To : Supervisors and Heads of
Kindergartens /Kindergarten-cum-
Child Care Centres and Schools with
Kindergarten Classes (excluding ESF
schools and international schools)

**Distribution of Reference Book for National Security Education
to Kindergartens**

Summary

This circular memorandum aims to inform kindergartens /kindergarten-cum-child care centres and schools with kindergarten classes (hereafter collectively referred to as “kindergartens”) offering local curriculum of the details about the distribution of 《香港特別行政區維護國家安全法讀本》(《讀本》) (Chinese version only) for teachers’ reference.

Details

2. The Law of the People’s Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the National Security Law) has been implemented in Hong Kong since 30 June 2020. The Education Bureau (EDB) issued EDB Circular No. 3/2021 on 4 February 2021 to provide schools with guidelines on school administration and education. It states that in respect of learning and teaching at kindergarten level, schools may help children understand Hong Kong’s status as a part of the nation and their Chinese identity, and introduce to them the basic facts about the country and the Chinese culture, thereby fostering a sense of national identity among children and enabling them to have further understanding of the various aspects of national security in subsequent learning stages and their own responsibility to safeguard national security.

3. Fostering children’s positive values and moral development is covered in the kindergarten curriculum, while “having a basic understanding of the Chinese culture and their national identity” is one of the examples of learning expectations for the learning area of “Self and Society” in the *Kindergarten Education Curriculum Guide*. Taking into consideration the cognitive development and ability of children, teachers can assist them to have a basic understanding of the country and Chinese culture, and develop a sense of national identity. Besides, teachers should also teach children to become good citizens who abide by the law, take good care of public property, respect and care for others.

4. To enhance teachers’ understanding of the National Security Law, Mr CHEN Baosheng, Minister of Education of the People’s Republic of China specially selects

《香港特別行政區維護國家安全法讀本》，a reference book compiled by legal scholars including Professor WANG Zhenmin, etc. for distribution to schools offering local curriculum as complimentary copies for teachers' reference in the opening ceremony of the National Security Education Day 2021. In this connection, the Bureau will arrange the delivery of 《讀本》 by batches to kindergartens offering local curriculum from July 2021. We believe that the 《讀本》 would be of great help in supporting teachers to correctly understand and implement national security education. Due to the limited number of printed copies of 《讀本》，each kindergarten will receive seven copies.

Contact Person

5. For enquiries on the delivery of 《讀本》，please contact the Curriculum Resources Section, Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau, at 3698 4433.

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