

## EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 112/2021

From : Secretary for Education  
To : Supervisors/Heads of Government,  
Aided, Caput and Direct Subsidy  
Scheme (DSS) Primary, Secondary and  
Special Schools – for action

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### **Onsite Teacher Workshop on National Security Education**

#### **Summary**

This circular memorandum invites all primary and secondary schools (including special schools), which implement the local curriculum, to join the Onsite Teacher Workshop on National Security Education to deepen the understanding of principals and teachers on how to enhance co-ordination and planning within and outside the classroom to facilitate the implementation of national security education (NSE).

#### **Details**

2. The Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (National Security Law) was passed by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on 30 June 2020. The National Security Law (NSL) was promulgated and added to Annex III of the Basic Law in the form of national law on the same day. Upon the NSL taking effect, the Education Bureau (EDB) issued Circular No. 11/2020 to schools on 3 July 2020 to remind schools that they should timely enable all levels of school personnel and students to acquire an understanding of and abide by the NSL; and issued EDB Circular No. 3/2021 to schools on 4 February 2021 to provide schools with guidelines on school administration and education with a view to maintaining a safe and orderly learning environment in schools and nurturing students to become good citizens who abide by the law.

3. Safeguarding national security is the constitutional responsibility of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. All the Chinese people, including residents in Hong Kong, share the responsibility to safeguard national sovereignty and unity, as well as territorial integrity. Article 10 of the NSL stipulates that "the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region shall promote national security education in schools and universities and through social organisations, the media, the internet and other means to raise the awareness of Hong Kong residents of national security and of the obligation to abide by the law". Therefore, implementing NSE in the school curriculum is the duty of schools. NSE is part of national education, which enables students to have a comprehensive understanding of the concept and significance of national security. Students will develop into good nationals who have a sense of national identity, respect

the rule of law, abide by the law, and take the initiative to shoulder the responsibility for safeguarding national security.

4. The EDB has released the “Curriculum Framework of National Security Education in Hong Kong” and the curriculum frameworks of NSE for 15 related subjects through EDB Circular No. 2/2021 “National Security Education in School Curriculum - Implementation Mode and Learning and Teaching Resources”, EDB Circular No. 4/2021 “National Security Education in School Curriculum - Curriculum Documents”, and EDB Circular No. 6/2021 “National Security Education in School Curriculum - Additional Curriculum Documents and Learning and Teaching Resources” from February to May 2021, to elucidate to schools how the elements of NSE can be integrated organically into and connected naturally with the relevant curriculum contents of different subjects. Schools should enhance students’ sense of national identity and national security through whole-school participation and cross-curricular collaboration, as well as organising learning activities within and outside the classroom.

### **Workshop**

5. In order to strengthen schools’ understanding of the importance of the overall planning of NSE at the curriculum level, the EDB will organise a series of Onsite Teacher Workshops (hereafter referred to as “the Workshop”) for all primary and secondary schools (including special schools), which implement the local curriculum, during the 2021/22 and 2022/23 school years. It is hoped that through talks, discussions and interactive sessions in the Workshop, schools can have a holistic view on the implementation strategies for a whole-school curriculum planning of NSE, and enhance the understanding of the use of different learning and teaching resources to systemically implement NSE within and outside the classroom. The Workshop will be conducted on a half-day basis (morning or afternoon session) on the school premises. It is important for all teaching staff (including principals) to join to synergise efforts and form consensus in safeguarding national security.

### **Enrolment**

6. The Workshop will be held in the 2021/22 and 2022/23 school years. Schools can arrange the Workshop as one of the teacher professional development days in the school year, or an extended staff meeting. All teaching staff (including the principal) of the school should attend. **Schools should enrol in the Workshop in clusters as far as practicable. A free combination of three schools per Workshop is desirable.**

7. Schools should complete the online application procedure set out in the **Annex on or before 24 August 2021.** Since many schools may want to have the Workshop arranged as soon as possible, early registration is highly recommended. The EDB will inform schools of the result and other arrangements soon. Subject to school applications, the Workshop can commence at the end of August 2021, the earliest.

8. Schools should remind teachers to read in advance 《香港特別行政區維護國家安全法讀本》(Chinese version only) and the relevant EDB Circulars (including those setting out the “Curriculum Framework of National Security Education in Hong Kong”

and the curriculum frameworks of NSE for 15 related subjects) to prepare for the Workshop and interactive discussion therein. Schools are also advised to provide suitable venues for the Workshop and take appropriate preventative measures to minimise the risk of the COVID-19 infection.

### **Enquiry**



9. For enquires about the online application procedures, please contact the Moral, Civic and National Education Section of the Curriculum Development Institute, EDB at 2892 6315 or 2892 6316, or by email at [mcne3@edb.gov.hk](mailto:mcne3@edb.gov.hk).

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cc: Heads of Sections – for information

**Onsite Teacher Workshop on National Security Education**  
**Online Registration Procedure**

School should complete the online registration via the URL or the QR code in the following table **on or before 24 August 2021**.

URL	QR code
<b>Primary School</b>  <a href="https://forms.gle/H5VMmnhSJbJ2ZpYMA">https://forms.gle/H5VMmnhSJbJ2ZpYMA</a>	
<b>Secondary School</b>  <a href="https://forms.gle/S5vUAjmsmi93CT4k9">https://forms.gle/S5vUAjmsmi93CT4k9</a>	

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