EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 120/2021

From: Permanent Secretary for Education

To: Supervisors/Heads of all aided and caput schools – for necessary action

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Block Insurance Policy for Public Liability, Employees' Compensation and Group Personal Accident for 2021/22 and 2022/23 School Years

Summary

This circular memorandum informs schools that China Taiping Insurance (HK) Company Limited is the successful tenderer for the Block Insurance Policy (BIP) for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 school years. It also serves to announce the BIP arrangements for these two school years. This circular memorandum supersedes Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 156/2019 dated 15 August 2019.

Details

2. China Taiping Insurance (HK) Company Limited will serve as the Insurer for the BIP with effect from 1 September 2021 upon the expiry of the BIP for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 school years on the same date. The new 24-month BIP, arranged by the Education Bureau (EDB) on behalf of the schools concerned, covers public liability, employees' compensation and group personal accident risks with the following limits of indemnity -

Class of Insurance	Limit of Indemnity	
Public Liability	HK\$ 100 million for any one occurrence	
Employees' Compensation	HK\$ 100 million for any one event for each	
	Insured School	
Group Personal Accident	Up to HK\$ 200,000 per Student	

3. The Insurance Specifications which give a brief description of the BIP coverage, Explanatory Notes on the BIP and the Common Questions and Answers have been uploaded onto the EDB webpage at <u>http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/sch-admin/admin/about-sch/sch-safety.html</u> for reference by schools. Schools are advised to visit the website to access the latest reference materials, which will be updated when necessary.

4. The correspondence address of the Insurer is as follows -

China Taiping Insurance (HK) Company Limited 15/F, 18 King Wah Road, North Point, Hong Kong

For claims or other related enquiries, schools may contact the Insurer as follows :

Nature of Enquiry	Staff-in-charge	Telephone No.	E-mail Address
General Hotline		3716 1699	cs.edb@hk.cntaiping.com
	(Policy Content, Claims		
	Status, Claims Procedures)		
General Enquiry	Ms Pat LEE	2852 8373	patlee@hk.cntaiping.com
	Mr Felix CHEUNG	2852 7498	felix.cheung@hk.cntaiping.com
	Mr Frankie LO	2852 7359	frankie.lo@hk.cntaiping.com
Other Claims	Mr Philemon LO	3716 1615	edbclaims@hk.cntaiping.com
Enquiry	(Public Liability)		
	Ms Phyllis LAM	3716 1609	edbclaims@hk.cntaiping.com
	(Employees' Compensation)		
	Mr LAM Pak Wai	2852 7445	edbclaims@hk.cntaiping.com
	(Group Personal Accident)		

Schools may download claim forms direct via the EDB webpage mentioned in paragraph 3 above as from 1 September 2021.

5. The Insurer will send each Insured School a Notice of Insurance in respect of the Employees' Compensation Insurance and a Certificate of Insurance of the BIP (the master policy will be lodged with the EDB) before 1 September 2021. As employers, you are required by law to sign and display the Notice of Insurance at the school premises. <u>In case</u> you do not receive these two documents on time, please contact the Insurer direct.

6. Please pay particular attention to the following -

(a) In accordance with the policy conditions, on the happening of any occurrence likely to give rise to a claim under the BIP, schools are required to **notify the Insurer in writing as soon as reasonably practical**. Schools shall not negotiate, pay, settle, admit or repudiate any claim without the written consent of the Insurer.

- (b) Staff members whose salaries are not subvented by the EDB are not covered by the Employees' Compensation Insurance of the BIP. Schools are required to arrange their own insurance to cover this type of staff, if any.
- (c) Schools may, on behalf of parents, arrange separate additional cover for group personal accidents of students with any insurance company, if necessary. However, parents should be given full discretion in accepting the afore-said arrangement. Besides, the Group Personal Accident Insurance under the BIP should not be considered as a comprehensive personal insurance coverage for students. If parents wish to have a comprehensive personal insurance coverage for their children, they may acquire it separately at their own costs from any insurance company.

Briefing Session

7. Briefing sessions will be arranged to familiarise schools with the BIP arrangements. Details of the briefing sessions will be announced in due course. Schools are encouraged to nominate representatives to attend the briefing sessions.

Enquiry

8. For general enquiries related to the BIP, please contact your Senior School Development Officer.

M K CHENG for Permanent Secretary for Education

c.c. Supervisors/Heads of Schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme and Heads of Sections – for information