

## **Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 169/2021**

From : Secretary for Education

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To : Heads of all government schools, aided schools (including special schools), caput schools, Direct Subsidy Scheme schools and kindergartens joining the kindergarten education scheme

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### **Quality Education Fund Enhancement Measure for “My Pledge to Act” Funding Programme**

#### **Summary**

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to inform all government schools, aided schools (including special schools), caput schools, Direct Subsidy Scheme schools and kindergartens joining the kindergarten education scheme (Scheme-KGs) of the details on the enhancement measure for “My Pledge to Act” (MPA) Funding Programme.

#### **Details**

##### **“My Pledge to Act” Funding Programme**

2. Since 2003, the Education Bureau (EDB) has been encouraging schools in the territory to join MPA, which aims to promote good moral character and a healthy lifestyle among students through collective commitment and related learning activities. Starting from the 2019/20 school year, the EDB implemented MPA Funding Programme through the Quality Education Fund (QEF). Publicly-funded schools<sup>1</sup> and Scheme-KGs may apply to the QEF for funding not exceeding \$200,000 to conduct diversified learning activities pertaining to the related theme and create a learning environment conducive to cultivating positive values and attitudes.

3. As promulgated in the EDB Circular Memorandum No. 85/2021, the EDB recommended schools to continue to adopt “Be Grateful and Treasure What We Have, Stay Positive and Optimistic” as the theme of MPA for the 2021/22 school year, and would continue to, through the QEF, implement MPA Funding Programme for the 2021/22 school year for publicly-funded schools and Scheme-KGs in the 2021/22 school year to apply for additional resources to implement activities pertinent to the above theme.

4. MPA Funding Programme for the 2021/22 school year is open for application and the application deadline was originally scheduled on 30 September 2021. To cater for schools’ operational needs, the application deadline for MPA Funding Programme is extended to 31 January 2022 to allow more time for schools to revisit their current situations and devise project proposals. The prevailing application procedures and requirements would remain unchanged.

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<sup>1</sup> Publicly-funded schools include government schools, aided schools (including special schools), caput schools, and schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme.

## **Enhanced “My Pledge to Act” Funding Programme**

5. Values Education is an essential element of whole-person education. The EDB has all along been encouraging schools to take cultivation of positive values and attitudes as the direction, and make use of everyday life events to strengthen the coordination of learning activities and enhance the connection among various cross-curricular domains in values education, including civic education, Constitution education and Basic Law education, national education and education for sustainable development, etc. so as to provide students with all-round learning experience conducive to their whole-person development.

6. To further support schools to promote national education, national security education, and media and information literacy education, the QEF implements, under the framework of the current MPA Funding Programme, an enhancement measure for schools to apply for another additional funding to conduct pertinent project activities for about 24 months to enhance students’ sense of national identity, as well as teaching them how to distinguish the authenticity of information and developing their critical thinking skills.

7. Under the Enhanced “My Pledge to Act” Funding Programme, each publicly-funded primary school and secondary school (including special school) may submit one project proposal with funding sought of not exceeding \$300,000 to the QEF to apply for additional resources for further strengthening measures to promote national education, national security education, and media and information literacy education. In view of the developmental stage and learning needs of children aged 3 to 6, each Scheme-KG may submit one application with funding sought of not exceeding \$150,000 to obtain additional resources to step up measures to promote national education and national security education.

8. The Enhanced “My Pledge to Act” Funding Programme is open for application from 15 November 2021 to 31 January 2022. Please refer to the QEF website ([www.qef.org.hk](http://www.qef.org.hk)) for details.

### **Enquiry**

9. For enquiries, please contact the QEF Secretariat at 2921 8833.

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