

## EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 12/2022

From : Secretary for Education To : Heads of all primary and secondary schools

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### **The 8th Basic Law cum the 25th Anniversary of Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Territory-wide Inter-school Competition**

#### **SUMMARY**

This circular memorandum invites heads of primary and secondary schools to actively encourage their students to participate in The 8th Basic Law cum the 25th Anniversary of Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Territory-wide Inter-school Competition.

#### **DETAILS**

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

3. The Education Bureau (EDB) has always attached great importance to Basic Law education, and has been continuously adopting diversified strategies on an ongoing basis, which include curriculum enrichment, as well as the provision of teacher training, teaching resources and student activities, to promote Basic Law Education. To tie in with the work of the Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee, the EDB has been organising the Basic Law Territory-wide Inter-school Competition since 2015 and more than 100, 000 students have participated in the competition. In this school year, the EDB organises The 8th Basic Law cum the 25th Anniversary of Establishment of the HKSAR Territory-wide Inter-school Competition, with a reader for reference titled “National Laws Applicable to HKSAR: A Student Guide” prepared and given to the EDB as well as all primary and secondary schools offering local curriculum in Hong Kong by the supporting organisation of the Competition, Bauhinia Magazine, technical support provided by the Hong Kong Education City during the stage of Online Competition and continuous support from Joint Publishing HK. It is our hope that students would read more learning materials on the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security so as to deepen their understanding of the inseparable relationship between our country and Hong Kong, and to develop a sense of social responsibility and national identity, an affection for Hong Kong as well as to widen their international perspectives.

4. The HKSAR was established on 1st July 1997. In 2022, the HKSAR marks the 25th anniversary of its establishment. To celebrate this important milestone, we will **include in this year’s competition questions surrounding the historical developments and achievements since the founding of the People’s Republic of China, the relationship between our country and HKSAR and development of Hong Kong since its handover to the motherland.** Participating students are encouraged to engage in extensive research to gain a more thorough understanding of our country and the HKSAR as well as their constitutional relationship, with a view to enhancing their sense of belonging to our country and their sense of national identity. The programme schedule and the activity details are at **Annexes 1 and 2. The competition this year is open to Primary 1 to Secondary 6 students with some new awards.** Details are as follows:

Award	Details
<b>The Heat (Online Competition)</b>	
1. Most Active Participation Award (territory-wide)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students from Primary 1 to 6 and Secondary 1 to 6 are welcome.</li> <li>• The award will be given to primary and secondary schools with the highest student participation rates in Online Competition (30 in each section).</li> </ul>
2. District Outstanding School Award (district-wide)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The award will be given to the primary school and its secondary counterpart with the highest average score within each district.</li> </ul>
<b>Final</b>	
3. Best Live Cheering Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The award will be given to the finalist whose cheering team has the greatest number of votes from adjudicators and guests (one in each section).</li> </ul>
4. First, Second and Third Prizes, and two Honourable Mentions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positions will be determined by scores in the Final, with the First Prize going to the school with the highest scores and so forth.</li> <li>• Schools entering the Final may be invited to nominate students for the nationwide competition “第七屆全國學生「學憲法講憲法」活動全國總決賽”.</li> </ul>

5. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of HKSAR, apart from the Competition, there will be some side programmes, such as school-based programmes coordinated by Basic Law Student Ambassadors. Details will be announced under “What’s New” on the National Education One-stop Portal (<http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp>) later.





## ENQUIRIES

6. For general matters, please contact the Moral, Civic and National Education Section, Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau, on 3698 3173 or 3698 3187. For enquiries concerning the accounts with the Hong Kong Education City, please contact the Hong Kong Education City by calling 2624 1000 or writing to [info@edcity.hk](mailto:info@edcity.hk).

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the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region  
Territory-wide Inter-school Competition  
Programme Schedule**

Date	Event
From 10 January 2022 (Mon) to 21 January 2022 (Fri)	Schools submit <b>their duly completed entry form for the Heat (Online Competition)</b> via the website of the Hong Kong Education City  <a href="http://www.edcity.hk/basiclaw/reg">http://www.edcity.hk/basiclaw/reg</a>
From 14 February 2022 (Mon) to 21 February 2022 (Mon)	<b>The Heat (Online Competition)</b> <u>Website for primary section (Primary 1 to 6):</u> <a href="http://www.edcity.hk/basiclaw/pri">http://www.edcity.hk/basiclaw/pri</a>  <u>Website for secondary section (Secondary 1 to 6):</u> <a href="http://www.edcity.hk/basiclaw/sec">http://www.edcity.hk/basiclaw/sec</a>  
April 2022	The Education Bureau announces the results of the Heat (Online Competition) under “What’s New” on the National Education One-stop Portal: <b>winner of The Most Active Participation Award and The District Outstanding School Award</b> , as well as <b>the finalists</b>  <a href="http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp">http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp</a>
Mid-June 2022	<b>The Final</b> <sup>#</sup>

<sup>#</sup> Arrangements for the Final will be announced in due course, subject to the latest development of COVID-19.

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Activity Details**

### **Objectives**

- To enhance students' understanding of the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security, including the importance of such concepts as "One Country, Two Systems", the origin of the Basic Law and the spirit of the Constitution, as well as the concepts and aspects of national security;
- To help students understand the constitutional status of the Basic Law;
- To enhance students' awareness of the relationship between the Basic Law and the lives of Hong Kong people, including rights and responsibilities;
- To broaden students' knowledge about the history and development of the HKSAR since its establishment, as well as the way the Basic Law could facilitate the development of the HKSAR;
- To help students understand their obligation to abide by the laws in force in the HKSAR; and
- To encourage students to learn about the development of our country in various aspects.

### **Rules**

- The competition consists of two parts: the Heat (Online Competition) and the Final.
  - To participate, students must be:
    - studying Primary 1 to 6 (for primary section); or
    - studying Secondary 1 to 6 (for secondary section).
- (1) The Heat (Online Competition)
- Date and time
    - The Heat (Online Competition) takes place from 14 February 2022 (Monday) to 21 February 2022 (Monday) and participating students may access the designated website between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.<sup>1</sup>
    - Schools may make arrangement for students to participate in the Heat (Online Competition) all at the same time or in batches. It is also possible for students to participate in the Heat (Online Competition) at home.
  - Number of participants
    - There is no limit on the number of students participants from each school. Participation by all students is encouraged.
  - Details
    - The Heat (Online Competition) will be in the form of an online quiz.
    - Each participant can only attempt once. They need to answer 30 questions within 15 minutes. Qualification for the next round will be based on the level of accuracy and

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<sup>1</sup> Information technology support will be provided by the Hong Kong Education City between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. On Sundays, students may still participate in Online Competition though no information technology support will be provided by the Hong Kong Education City.

duration of time used. Students found to have attempted more than once will be disqualified. No request for appeal will be entertained.

- Participants should enter competition by logging into their student accounts with the Hong Kong Education City.
- The Most Active Participation Award will be given to the 30 schools with the highest student participation rates in their respective section.
- The school with the highest average score in each of the 18 districts<sup>2</sup> will be given the District Outstanding School Award.

- Announcement of results of the Heat

- The results will be announced in April 2022 under “What’s New” on the National Education One-stop Portal (<http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp>). Schools which can enter the Final will be informed separately.



(2) The Final

- The EDB will, having regard to the latest development of COVID-19, inform schools entering the Final of the related arrangement.
- Places for the Final are ten (five for each section), distribution is as follows: -
  - In each section, the school with the highest scores in the Heat in the three regions (Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories) will proceed to the Final; and
  - Except the schools which are being proceeded to the Final, the two schools with the highest scores in each section will proceed to the Final.
- Schools entering the Final will compete in teams of five (three regular members and two substitute members, all team members must have participated in the Heat).
- No request for appeal will be entertained. Other details about the Final will be announced in due course.

(3) Awards

- The Heat (Online Competition)
  - The Most Active Participation Award will be given to the 30 schools with the highest student participation rates. In case of a tie, students’ average score and the time spent on answering questions will be compared to decide which school(s) should receive the award.
  - The school with the highest average score in each of the 18 districts will be given the District Outstanding School Award.
  - All schools/students participating in the Heat (Online Competition) will each be awarded a certificate.
- The Final
  - First, Second and Third Prizes and two Honourable Mentions will be awarded in each section.
  - For each section, the school whose cheering team performs best in the Final will be given the Best Live Cheering Award.
  - Details will be announced in due course.

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<sup>2</sup> In the context of Online Competition, please refer to the Education Bureau’s School Lists by District 2021/22 (<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/student-parents/sch-info/sch-search/schlist-by-district/index.html>) for demarcation of districts.








## Entry and deadline

- To enter **the 8th Basic Law cum the 25th Anniversary of Establishment of the HKSAR Territory-wide Inter-school Competition**, interested schools should log into their principal, teacher or school administrator account maintained with the Hong Kong Education City by accessing its website (<http://www.edcity.hk/basiclaw/reg>), follow the instructions thereon and submit a completed entry form (Chinese only) on or before 21 February 2022 (Friday). For schools that fail to complete the entry procedures before the deadline, they will be disqualified and their results in the competition, if any, will not be admitted.
- The information submitted by schools will be used for the 8th Basic Law cum the 25th Anniversary of Establishment of the HKSAR Territory-wide Inter-school Competition. Participating schools should ensure that all information provided is correct before submission. Provision of incorrect information may affect the eligibility for the competition and admission of results.
- Schools should confirm that their students' accounts with the Hong Kong Education City have been renewed for the current school year prior to submission of an entry form, and inform their students of the account information accordingly before the Heat. Schools may work out the arrangement with their teacher-in-charge or information technology coordinator. If further assistance is required, schools may approach the Hong Kong Education City.




## Reference materials and websites

The reference materials and websites listed below are for reference only. Teachers and students may also make use of other resources that they think fit for the preparation of the competition.

Website	QR code
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Q&amp;A from National Laws Applicable to HKSAR: A Student Guide (Chinese only) <a href="https://cbleportal.edb.edcity.hk/index.php?class=index&amp;func=cate&amp;cateid=31">https://cbleportal.edb.edcity.hk/index.php?class=index&amp;func=cate&amp;cateid=31</a></li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The website of the Basic Law <a href="https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/index/index.html">https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/index/index.html</a></li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The Constitution of the People's Republic of China <a href="https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/constitution/index.html">https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/constitution/index.html</a></li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and related documents <a href="https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/basiclaw/index.html">https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/basiclaw/index.html</a></li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region <a href="https://www.isd.gov.hk/nationalsecurity/eng/law.html">https://www.isd.gov.hk/nationalsecurity/eng/law.html</a></li></ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pamphlets titled “The Law of the People’s Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administration Region” and “Q&amp;As on Legislation for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to Safeguard National Security” <a href="https://www.isd.gov.hk/nationalsecurity/eng/pamphlets.html">https://www.isd.gov.hk/nationalsecurity/eng/pamphlets.html</a></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government’s website of “Safeguarding National Security in Hong Kong” <a href="https://www.isd.gov.hk/nationalsecurity/eng/index.html">https://www.isd.gov.hk/nationalsecurity/eng/index.html</a></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 《「一國兩制」下香港的民主發展》白皮書 (Chinese only) <a href="http://big5.www.gov.cn/gate/big5/www.gov.cn/zhengce/2021-12/20/content_5662052.htm">http://big5.www.gov.cn/gate/big5/www.gov.cn/zhengce/2021-12/20/content_5662052.htm</a></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The website on the National Security Day 2021 <a href="https://www.nsed.gov.hk/?l=en">https://www.nsed.gov.hk/?l=en</a></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● EDB “National Education One-stop Portal” Webpage <a href="http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp">http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp</a></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Basic Law Online Course for Secondary School Students’ Self-directed Learning <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/basic-law-education/student-onlinecourse/index.html">https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/basic-law-education/student-onlinecourse/index.html</a></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learning and teaching resources for “Constitution and the Basic Law” (Chinese only) <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/pshe/constitution-basiclaw">https://www.edb.gov.hk/pshe/constitution-basiclaw</a></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teaching Resources on the Constitution of the People’s Republic of China (Junior Secondary Curriculum of the PSHE Key Learning Area) (Chinese only) <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/tc/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/basic-law-education/constitution_chi/index.html">https://www.edb.gov.hk/tc/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/basic-law-education/constitution_chi/index.html</a></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Constitution and the Basic Law Education Wall-chart Resources (Chinese only) <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/tc/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/basic-law-education/cble_wallcharts/index.html">https://www.edb.gov.hk/tc/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/basic-law-education/cble_wallcharts/index.html</a></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learning and Teaching Resources related to the Belt and Road Initiative <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/belt-and-road-initiative.html">https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/belt-and-road-initiative.html</a></li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Basic Law 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legal Summit Proceedings – Back to Basics  <a href="https://www.doj.gov.hk/en/publications/pdf/Basic_Law_30th_Anniversary_Legal_Summit_Proceedings.pdf">https://www.doj.gov.hk/en/publications/pdf/Basic_Law_30th_Anniversary_Legal_Summit_Proceedings.pdf</a></li> </ul>	

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*Note: In case of dispute over the rules of the 8th Basic Law cum the 25th Anniversary of Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Territory-wide Inter-school Competition, the decision of the organiser shall be final. The organiser reserves the rights to make final amendments to these rules, and participating schools will be informed of any such amendment as soon as practicable.*