

EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 35/2022

From : Secretary for Education

To : Heads of all Primary, Secondary and
Special Schools (Excluding ESF Schools
and International Schools)

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“2022 Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” Programme

Summary

This circular memorandum aims to invite schools to take part in the “2022 Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” programme jointly organised by the Education Bureau (EDB) and the Security Bureau for primary and secondary school students to promote the participation of teachers and students and enable national security education to take root in schools.

Background

2. 2022 marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). It is also the second anniversary of the implementation of the Law of the People’s Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Hong Kong National Security Law) since 30 June, 2020. The EDB and the Security Bureau take this important opportunity to jointly organise key activities. Through participation in these activities, teachers and students in Hong Kong will enhance their understanding of the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security, and unite in safeguarding national security.

Details

3. The EDB and the Security Bureau have designed a series of key activities for the “2022 Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” programme. In view of the anti-epidemic arrangements, schools can arrange for students to participate in some of the activities which will be launched first. Schools can also encourage students to make good preparation for the following activities during the special vacation in March and April this year.

Key activities include:

- i). **“2022 Slogan-cum-Poster Design Competition on National Security” (Annex 1)**, which enables students to think about how to accurately and concisely express the key points of national security through creative design. The related work will help enrich the publicity and promotion of national security on campus;
- ii). **“2022 National Security Online Quiz Competition” (Annex 2)**, which enhances students’ understanding of the Constitution, the Basic Law and the national security, as well as their understanding of the rule of law and the developments of our country, and the importance of safeguarding national security.

The winning schools and students of the above activities will be invited to attend the award presentation ceremony of the “2022 Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” programme jointly organised by the EDB and the Security Bureau in August 2022 (tentative).

4. The EDB has also compiled the **Suggested Learning and Teaching Activities for National Security Education [Examples] (Annex 3)** for schools’ reference, and will continue to provide diversified resources related to Constitution, Basic Law and national security education through the web-based resource platform “National Education One-stop Portal” (www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp) to help schools promote national education and foster students’ sense of national identity and awareness of safeguarding national security.



Enquiry

5. For enquires, please contact the Moral, Civic and National Education Section of the Curriculum Development Institute, the EDB by phone at 2892 6316 or 2892 5434, or by email at mcne3@edb.gov.hk.

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for Secretary for Education

cc: Heads of Sections – for information

2022 Slogan-cum-Poster Design Competition on National Security

Objectives

The competition aims to encourage students to uphold positive values and demonstrate their understanding of national security in a creative and artistic way through designing slogans and posters on the theme of national security. Schools can make use of the entries to promote activities related to national security education on campus and in the community.

Eligibility

- Lower Primary Section: Primary 1-3 students
- Upper Primary Section: Primary 4-6 students
- Junior Secondary Section: Secondary 1-3 students
- Senior Secondary Section: Secondary 4-6 students

Topics

- **Primary Sections: “National Security Makes Lives Better”**
 - Write a slogan and produce a poster in one of the following areas on the topic of safeguarding national security to make lives better for Hong Kong residents.
 - ✧ Hong Kong National Security Law
 - ✧ One or more of the domains of national security¹
 - ✧ Safeguarding national security at individual level
 - The slogan designed for an entry should match the above topic and the content of the poster.
- **Secondary Sections: “The Hong Kong National Security Law ensures long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong”**
 - Write a slogan and produce a poster in one of the following areas to demonstrate the importance of national security to individuals, society and the country:

¹According to the “Curriculum Framework of National Security Education in Hong Kong”, the domains of national security include political security, homeland security, military security, economic security, cultural security, social security, technological security, cyber security, ecological security, resource security, nuclear security, overseas interests security and security in new domains (including biosecurity, space security, deep sea security, polar security).

- ✧ Hong Kong National Security Law enables Hong Kong to restore order and rebuild prosperity
 - ✧ Hong Kong National Security Law ensures the steadfast and successful implementation of “One Country, Two Systems”
 - ✧ Safeguarding national security at individual, societal and national levels
- The slogan designed for each entry should match the selected area and the content of the poster.

Mode of Entry

- Students enter the competition on an individual basis, and each student can only submit one entry.
- Each student should be coached by one teacher, and each teacher may coach more than one student.
- There is no limit on the number of entries submitted by each school.
- Please refer to the following (“Competition Rules”) for the formats and requirements of entries.

Competition Rules

Formats and requirements for entries:

- Students are required to produce posters in two dimensions. There are no restrictions on the format and materials.
- Entries must be a graphic design with colours in A3 size (297 mm x 420 mm) and can be hand-drawn or computer-designed.
- Entries must be presented in Chinese and/or English.
- Entries must be the entrants’ original works and not have been released publicly.
- The content of entries should not reveal information related to the participating schools or the entrants.
- Entries should be converted into electronic files for submission.
- The resolution of electronic files should be no less than 300dpi.

Submission of entries:

- Schools should duly complete the entry form online and upload the electronic files of the entries (must be in BMP/ JPEG/ PDF/ PNG/ TIFF format) via the following websites or QR codes **on or before 6 June 2022 (Monday)**.

Section	Entry Form Website	Entry Form QR code
Lower Primary Section	https://forms.gle/cc43CgivzRgJ5CYYA	
Upper Primary Section	https://forms.gle/Uhp1mYwyxa2ci4Ly6	
Junior Secondary Section	https://forms.gle/y754hMAUXgzWXWeeA	
Senior Secondary Section	https://forms.gle/t3frxNNLMpK5he5QA	

- The name of the electronic file of each entry must include the abbreviated Chinese name of the school and the name of the student, for example:
“杏壇中學陳一心.pdf”/“杏壇中學陳一心.jpg”

Judging Criteria

- Content of slogan and poster (50%)
- Creative design (30%)
- Artistic skill (20%)

Adjudicating Panel

- Entries will be assessed by a committee comprising members of the Curriculum Development Council, Curriculum Development Council Standing Committee on Values Education, Working Group on Teachers and Students of the Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee and the Security Bureau.

Awards

- The following awards will be given to each section:
 - Individual awards: First, Second and Third Prizes, and Honourable Mention;
 - “2022 Slogan-cum-Poster Design Competition on National Security: Excellent

- Design Award”;
- “2022 Slogan-cum-Poster Design Competition on National Security: Active Promotion School Award”: The award will be given to the 10 schools with the most student entries in each section.
 - Winning schools will each receive a trophy, while winning students will each receive a certificate and a prize.
 - Students who have participated in the “Basic Law Student Ambassadors Training Scheme” organised by the EDB and can successfully submit their entries for this competition will be awarded one point. Those who win an individual award in this competition will be awarded one extra point.

Use of Winning Entries

- Winning entries of individual awards will be produced into banners for school display and publicity.
- Winning entries may be displayed on public transport and at government venues for public viewing to promote national security and offer encouragement to the winning students.
- Entries and winning entries may be used for promotional purposes by the EDB and the Security Bureau, including but not limited to producing posters and publicity materials, etc.
- Entries and winning entries may be uploaded to the websites and social platforms of the EDB and the Security Bureau for sharing with various stakeholders.

Competition Schedule

	Date	Content
1.	6 June 2022 (Monday) or before	Schools should duly complete the entry form online and upload the entries via the websites or QR codes specified in Annex 1 .
2.	Early July 2022	The list of winners will be announced under “What’s New” of the EDB’s “National Education One-stop Portal” (www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp). Winning schools and students will be notified by post.
3.	Early August 2022 (Tentative)	An award presentation ceremony will be held.



Points to Note for Schools

- The EDB reserves the right to change, suspend or terminate the activity any time. If there are any changes, announcements will be made on the EDB's "National Education One-stop Portal".
- The EDB reserves the right to change the competition awards without prior notice.
- Once an entry is submitted, it cannot be modified, re-uploaded or returned.
- Participating schools should keep the original posters until further notice from the EDB.
- The entry submission date and time will be based on the date and time indicated in the EDB's server system.
- Participating schools should ensure that information and content included in their entries are in line with the curriculum aims and objectives set out by the EDB, not obscene, abusive, violent, defamatory, etc., as well as do not violate the laws of the HKSAR. Otherwise, the entrants will be disqualified.
- All entries must be the entrants' original works, and not have been released publicly. They must not infringe copyrights or interests of any other party, otherwise the entrants will be held responsible for any disputes arising therefrom and may be disqualified from the competition. If necessary, the EDB may request the entrants to produce written proof of legal authorisation.
- The EDB reserves the right to reject or disqualify any entries without giving particular reasons.
- The EDB reserves the right to use the entrants' works (including school names) in whole or part for non-profit-making purposes, and to edit, translate, adapt, use, copy, distribute and upload the entries to the Internet without prior consent of the entrants.

Reference Materials for Poster Design

Please refer to the following websites for the map of territory of the People's Republic of China and the standard versions of the national flag, the national emblem, the regional flag and the regional emblem.

Website	QR Code
Geography of the People's Republic of China http://english.www.gov.cn/archive/china_abc/2014/09/02/content_281474985266381.htm	
The National Flag of the People's Republic of China http://english.www.gov.cn/archive/chinaabc/202012/31/content_WS5feddf1bc6d0f72576943045.html	
The National Emblem of the People's Republic of China http://english.www.gov.cn/archive/chinaabc/202012/31/content_WS5fede0a6c6d0f72576943057.html	
The Regional Flag of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region https://www.protocol.gov.hk/en/r_flag/r_flag.html	
The Regional Emblem of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region https://www.protocol.gov.hk/en/r_embl/r_embl.html	

2022 National Security Online Quiz Competition

Objectives


The competition aims to increase students' understanding of the Constitution, the Basic Law and the national security, as well as to promote their understanding of the rule of law and the developments of our country, the importance of safeguarding national security, the close relationship between national security and our daily lives, and the importance of national security to individuals, society and the country.

Eligibility


- Primary Section: Primary 1-6 students
- Secondary Section: Secondary 1-6 students

Details




- The competition will be held in the form of an online quiz, and there is no limit on the number of participants from each school. Participation by all students is encouraged.
- Participants should enter the competition by logging into the following website using their Hong Kong Education City accounts from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.² during the period from **23 May (Monday) to 6 June (Monday) 2022**.
- Schools may make arrangement for students to participate in the competition all at the same time or in batches. It is also possible for students to participate in the competition at home.



Website	QR Code
Primary Section: www.edcity.hk/national-security/pri	

² Information technology support is provided by the Hong Kong Education City from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. On Sundays and during public holidays, students may still participate in the competition though no information technology support will be provided by the Hong Kong Education City.

Secondary Section: www.edcity.hk/national-security/sec	
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- The competition consists of two parts: Part 1 Short Video Response Questions and Part 2 Quiz Questions. Students must complete Part 1 and then Part 2 on the same day.
 - Part 1 - Short Video Response Questions: Students from the Primary and Secondary sections are required to watch three videos and answer five questions with no time limit. Schools may allow students to watch the videos at the following websites before the competition.

Primary Section	QR Code
Video 1 (Chinese only) : 一國兩制與基本法：「一國兩制」 (Duration: 4 minutes 16 seconds) https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/01/23140.html	
Video 2 (Chinese only) : 國家安全知多少（小學） (Duration: 2 minutes 23 seconds) https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/01/23201.html	
Video 3 (Chinese only) : 白地青花·歷史散步 (Duration: 3 minutes 17 seconds) https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2021/03/22061.html	

Secondary Section	QR Code
Video 1 (Chinese only) : 一國兩制與基本法：《憲法》和《基本法》的關係 (Duration: 3 minutes 8 seconds) https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/01/23143.html	
Video 2 (Chinese only) : 國家安全知多少（中學） (Duration: 2 minutes 41 seconds) https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/01/23202.html	

Video 3 (Chinese only) :

沙漠上的向日葵：光熱發電站

(Duration: 4 minutes 5 seconds)

<https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2020/11/22016.html>



➤ Part 2 - Quiz Questions: Students are required to answer 10 questions within 10 minutes. Some of the questions are based on the content of the following website.

✧ Exhibition of the 1st Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law
(<https://nslexhibition.hk>)



- Each student can only attempt once. Students found to have attempted more than once will be disqualified.
- The criteria for winning the competition are based on the participation rate, level of accuracy and length of time used.
- No request for appeal will be entertained.

Awards

- The following awards will be given to each section:
 - “Most Active Participation School Award (territory-wide)”: The award will be given to the 30 schools with the highest student participation rates in each section. In case of a tie, the average score and the total time used in answering Part 1 and Part 2 questions will be compared in deciding which school(s) should receive the award.
 - “District Outstanding School Award”: The school with the highest average score in each of the 18 districts³ in each section will be given the award.
 - Individual awards: The awards include First, Second and Third Prizes, and Honourable Mention (based on the level of accuracy in Part 1 and Part 2). In case of a tie, the total time used in answering Part 1 and Part 2 questions will be compared in deciding which student(s) to receive the award(s).
- A certificate will be awarded to each participating school and student.
- Those entrants who have participated in the “Basic Law Student Ambassadors Training Scheme” organised by the EDB will be awarded one point, and those who win an individual award in this competition will be awarded one extra point.



³ In the context of this competition, please refer to the EDB’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




- Schools interested in entering the “2022 National Security Online Quiz Competition” should log into Hong Kong Education City by accessing its website (www.edcity.hk/national-security/reg) with their principal, teacher or school administrator accounts, follow the instructions thereon and submit a completed entry form (Chinese only) **from 3 May (Tuesday) to 18 May (Wednesday) 2022**. Schools that fail to complete the entry procedures before the deadline 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 “2022 National Security Online Quiz Competition”. Participating schools should ensure that all information provided is correct before submitting the entry form. Provision of incorrect information may affect their eligibility for entering the competition and results.
- Schools should confirm that their students’ accounts with the Hong Kong Education City have been renewed for the current school year prior to the submission of an entry form, and inform their students of the account information accordingly before the competition. School may work out the arrangement with their teacher-in-charge or information technology co-ordinator. If further assistance is required, schools may approach the Hong Kong Education City.



Competition Schedule

	Date	Content
1.	3 May (Tuesday) to 18 May (Wednesday) 2022	Schools submit their duly completed entry forms via the website of the Hong Kong Education City. Hong Kong Education City website: www.edcity.hk/national-security/reg 
2.	16 May (Monday) to 18 May (Wednesday) 2022	2022 National Security Online Quiz Competition Trial⁴ Website for trial: www.edcity.hk/national-security/trial 

⁴ As this competition includes video response questions, this designated trial allows students to experience the new system before joining the competition.

	Date	Content
3.	23 May (Monday) to 6 June (Monday) 2022	<p>2022 National Security Online Quiz Competition</p> <p>Website for primary section: www.edcity.hk/national-security/pri</p> <p>Website for secondary section: www.edcity.hk/national-security/sec</p>  
4.	Mid-July 2022	<p>Announcement of the awardee list of the 2022 National Security Online Quiz Competition</p> <p>The announcement will be made under “What’s New” of the EDB’s National Education One-stop Portal (www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp).</p> <p>Winning schools and students will be notified by post.</p> 
5.	Early August 2022 (Tentative)	An award presentation ceremony will be held.



Enquiries

- For general enquiries, please contact the Moral, Civic and National Education Section, Curriculum Development Institute, the EDB on 2892 6316 or 2892 5434.
- For enquiries concerning the accounts with the Hong Kong Education City, please contact the Hong Kong Education City by phone at 2624 1000 or by email at info@edcity.hk.

Suggested Learning and Teaching Activities for National Security Education [Examples]

[The suggested activities can be conducted online and/or electronic files in place of physical copies can be used.]

● **School-based life-wide learning activities for national security education**

- Play audio picture book “Let’s Learn about National Security” for primary schools (https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_vbukjhmX) or “National Security Begins at Home” for secondary schools (https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_d3rvnt0t) during morning assemblies / class teacher sessions / school talks / other suitable time slots. 
- Explain the learning elements of national security education during classes of various key learning areas / subjects and moral, civic and national education. 
- Introduce the legislative background, meaning and main content of the Hong Kong National Security Law on school bulletin boards.
- Arrange students to collect information, engage in project learning or share their knowledge on the various domains of national security, such as cultural security, ecological security, resource security, economic security, public security, cyber security and other integral parts of the national security framework.
- Organise inter-class / inter-form competitions under the theme of national security, such as quiz competition on the developments of our country, bulletin board design, poster design, slogan writing and drama performance.
- Optimise school-based life-wide learning activities by making good use of the learning and teaching resources developed by the Curriculum Development Institute of the EDB, including “Little National Affairs Experts” Interactive Quiz Game Resource Pack (Chinese only) and wall-chart resources on the themes of “Event Book on Hong Kong’s Return to China”, “Human Rights and the Rule of Law” and “The Constitution and the Basic Law” (Chinese only).

- **Participation in national security education activities organised by the Government or non-governmental organisations**

- Participate in the “Slogan-cum-Poster Design Competition on National Security” (**Annex 1**) and “2022 National Security Online Quiz Competition” (**Annex 2**) jointly organised by the EDB and the Security Bureau.

- Browse related websites:

- ✧ Safeguarding National Security in Hong Kong
(www.isd.gov.hk/nationalsecurity/eng/index.html)












- ✧ Exhibition of the 1st Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law
(<https://nslexhibition.hk>)






Reference Materials and Websites

The information listed below is for reference only. Teachers and students may also refer to other suitable reference materials and websites in preparation for the competition.

Website	QR code
<p>The Constitution of the People’s Republic of China https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/constitution/index.html</p>	
<p>The Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China and related documents https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/basiclawtext/index.html</p>	
<p>The Law of the People’s Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region https://www.isd.gov.hk/nationalsecurity/eng/law.html</p>	
<p>National Flag and National Emblem Ordinance https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/A401</p>	
<p>Regional Flag and Regional Emblem Ordinance https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/A602</p>	
<p>The website of the Basic Law https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/index/index.html</p>	
<p>Basic Law 30th Anniversary Legal Summit Proceedings – Back to Basics https://www.doj.gov.hk/en/publications/pdf/Basic_Law_30th_Anniversary_Legal_Summit_Proceedings.pdf</p>	
<p>Pamphlets titled “The Law of the People’s Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region” and “Q&As on Legislation for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to Safeguard National Security” https://www.isd.gov.hk/nationalsecurity/eng/pamphlets.html</p>	

Website	QR code
<p>Basic Law Online Course for Secondary School Students’ Self-directed Learning https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/basic-law-education/student-onlinecourse/index.html</p>	
<p>Q&A from National Laws Applicable to HKSAR: A Student Guide (Chinese only) https://cbleportal.edb.edcity.hk/upload/%E8%AD%98%E6%B3%95%E5%B0%8E%E8%88%AA_%E5%B0%8F%E5%AD%B8%E7%89%88.pdf (primary version)</p> <p>https://cbleportal.edb.edcity.hk/upload/%E8%AD%98%E6%B3%95%E5%B0%8E%E8%88%AA_%E4%B8%AD%E5%AD%B8%E7%89%88.pdf (secondary version)</p>	 
<p>Getting to Know the National Flag, the National Emblem, the National Anthem and the Regional Flag https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/moral-civic/newwebsite/flagraising.html</p>	
<p>Exhibition of the 1st Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law https://nslexhibition.hk/?lang=en&sid=7</p>	
<p>“Let’s Learn about National Security” (audio picture book) https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_vbukjhmX</p>	
<p>“Our National Flag, National Anthem and Regional Flag” (an audio picture book) https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_mh1zs4tu</p>	
<p>The Display of the National Flag and the Regional Flag (Chinese only) https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_yyqhr3da</p>	
<p>《我們國家及香港特區的象徵：國旗、國歌和區旗》教育短片 (Chinese only) http://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_2qo3akfs</p>	

Website	QR Code
<p>Constitution and the Basic Law learning and teaching resources (Chinese only) https://www.edb.gov.hk/pshe/constitution-basiclaw</p>	
<p>Teaching Resources on the Constitution of the People’s Republic of China [Junior Secondary Curriculum of the PSHE Key Learning Area] (Chinese only) https://www.edb.gov.hk/tc/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/basic-law-education/constitution_chi/index.html</p>	
<p>The Constitution and the Basic Law Education Wall-chart Resources (Chinese only) https://www.edb.gov.hk/tc/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/basic-law-education/cble_wallcharts/index.html</p>	
<p>Infographics Series: National Flag, National Emblem, National Anthem (Chinese only) https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/moral-civic/newwebsite/flagraising.html#6</p>	