

## EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 174/2022

From : Secretary for Education

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

Ref. : EDB/CDI/MCNE3/ADM/50/1/1(1)

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### **“2023 Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” Programme**

#### **Summary**

This circular memorandum aims to invite schools to take part in the “2023 Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” Programme jointly organised by the Education Bureau (EDB) and the Security Bureau (SB).

#### **Background**

2. In the 2021/22 school year, the EDB and the SB jointly organised the “Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” Programme for the first time. With strong support from schools to encourage active participation of students, the two key activities, namely “2022 National Security Online Quiz Competition” and “2022 Slogan-cum-Poster Design Competition on National Security”, were well-received. Apart from being uploaded to the Hong Kong National Security Law online virtual exhibition, some of the winning entries have also been adopted in the 2022/23 School Year Calendar for the Promotion of National Education and National Security Education (Chinese version only) for schools to download and use. To enable national security education to continuously take roots in schools and to complement the National Security Education Day on 15 April 2023, the EDB and the SB continue to jointly organise the “2023 Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” Programme in the 2022/23 school year to engage teachers and students in Hong Kong to raise their awareness of national security, create a positive atmosphere of safeguarding national security, enhance their understanding of the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security and unite the efforts in safeguarding national security.



#### **Details**

3. The EDB and the SB have designed a series of activities for the “2023 Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” Programme covering the whole school year to strengthen the atmosphere of national security education in schools. Schools can

encourage and arrange for students to participate in one or more of the activities below, including:

- i). **“2023 Slogan-cum-Poster Design Competition on National Security” (Annex 1)**
- ii). **“2023 National Security Online Quiz Competition” (Annex 2)**
- iii). **“2023 National Security Writing Competition” (Annex 3)**
- iv). **“2023 School Bulletin Board Design Competition on National Security” (Annex 4)**

4. To facilitate schools in understanding the activities of the “2023 Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” Programme, the EDB will organise online briefing sessions on October 25 and 26 this year to introduce the details and the specifics of the activities of the “2023 Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” Programme. For details of the online briefing sessions and the registration methods, please refer to **Annex 5**.

5. The EDB will continue to provide a wide variety of 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](http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp)) to help schools promote national education and national security education, cultivate in students a sense of national identity, as well as an awareness of and a sense of responsibility for safeguarding national security. Schools can also encourage students to study reference materials and websites related to national security education (**Annex 6**) and refer to other suitable reference materials and websites in preparation for the competitions.



### **Enquiry**

6. For enquiries, 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](mailto:mcne3@edb.gov.hk).

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for Secretary for Education

cc: Heads of Sections – for information

## 2023 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 writing slogans and designing posters on the theme of national security. Schools can also make use of the entries to promote activities related to national security education on campus and in the community.

### Eligibility

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

### Topics

- **Primary Section: “The Close Relationship between National Security and Our Daily Lives”**
  - Write a slogan and produce a poster in one of the following areas on the topic “The Close Relationship between National Security and Our Daily Lives”:
    - ✧ The Hong Kong National Security Law makes our lives better
    - ✧ The relationship between one or more of the domains of national security<sup>1</sup> and various aspects of our daily lives
    - ✧ Encouraging classmates to join hands in safeguarding national security
  - The slogan designed for each entry shall match the above topic and the content of the poster.
- **Secondary Section: “The Hong Kong National Security Law Maintains 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, our society and our country on the topic “The Hong Kong National Security Law Maintains Prosperity and

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<sup>1</sup>According 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 new security domains (including biosecurity, space security, deep sea security, polar security).

## Stability of Hong Kong”:

- ✧ The Hong Kong National Security Law ensures the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong
  - ✧ The Hong Kong National Security Law ensures the steadfast and successful implementation of the principle of “one country, two systems”
  - ✧ Encouraging young people to join hands in safeguarding national security
- The slogan designed for each entry shall match the selected area and the content of the poster.

## **Mode of Entry**

- Students should 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.

## **Competition Rules**

### *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.
- The content of the entries should not reveal information related to the participating schools and students.
- Entries should be converted into electronic files for submission.
- The resolution of the electronic files should be no less than 300dpi.

### ***Points to Note on the Use of the National Flag, National Emblem, Regional Flag, Regional Emblem and their Designs in Design Competitions:***


- If the use of the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem and their designs is needed in the entries, participants shall abide by the National Flag and National Emblem Ordinance and the Regional Flag and Regional

Emblem Ordinance, and observe the following requirements:

- The shape, design and colour of the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem or their designs used in the competition should be identical to the national flag, national emblem, regional flag or regional emblem commonly in use, e.g. design in the form of a jigsaw puzzle is not allowed.
- Any text or symbol should not be overlapped with the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem or their designs.
- Respect should be given when the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem or their designs are used. Misunderstanding by the public that the designs of the entries do not respect the national flag, national emblem, regional flag and regional emblem should also be avoided. Common irregularities found in designs (not exhaustive) include:
  - ✧ not all five stars of the national flag are shown
  - ✧ the bauhinia design is tilted
  - ✧ the flag/emblem is partially covered
  - ✧ the flag/emblem is defaced
  - ✧ the direction of the flag/emblem is reversed
- Regarding the specifications for the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem and the points to note, please refer to the National Flag and National Emblem Ordinance, the Regional Flag and Regional Emblem Ordinance and the related websites (Please refer to Annex 6 for the relevant web links).

***Points to Note on the Use of the Map of the Territory of the People's Republic of China:***



- If the use of the map of the territory of the People's Republic of China is needed in the entries, participants should ensure the correct map of the territory is used. For details, please refer to the following website:

Website	QR Code
Map of the Territory of the People's Republic of China (Chinese version only) <a href="http://www.gov.cn/guoqing/2017-07/28/content_5043915.htm">http://www.gov.cn/guoqing/2017-07/28/content_5043915.htm</a>	

- If any entry fails to comply with the above requirements on the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem and map of the territory of the People's Republic of China, the participant may be requested to make amendments to the design or the entry may be disqualified (without prior notice).

### *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 20 January 2023 (Friday)**.

Section	Entry Form Website	Entry Form QR code
Primary Section	<a href="https://forms.gle/PFLs5RXHGjppd5kV9">https://forms.gle/PFLs5RXHGjppd5kV9</a>	
Secondary Section	<a href="https://forms.gle/fbYk8beUGNqsTvJCA">https://forms.gle/fbYk8beUGNqsTvJCA</a>	

- The name of the electronic file of each entry must include the 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”
- If thirty or more entries are to be submitted by a school, the EDB will provide a convenient submission method. For details, please contact the Moral, Civic and National Education Section at 2892 6316.

### **Judging Criteria**

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

### **Adjudication Panel**

- Entries will be adjudicated by a panel comprising members of the Curriculum Development Council, Curriculum Development Council Standing Committee on Values Education, the EDB and the SB.
- The adjudication panel reserves the right of final decision on the competition.

### **Awards**

- The following awards will be given to each section:
  - Individual awards: First, Second and Third Prizes, and Honourable Mentions
  - “2023 Slogan-cum-Poster Design Competition on National Security:


Outstanding Slogan Award”: The award will be given to the student with the best slogan in each section.

- “2023 Slogan-cum-Poster Design Competition on National Security: Active Participation School Award”: The award will be given to the 10 schools with the highest number of participating students in each section.
- Outstanding English Entry Award
- 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 may be developed into banners for school display and publicity.
- Participating and winning entries may be used for promotional purposes by the EDB and the SB.
- Participating and winning entries may be uploaded to the websites and social media platforms of the EDB and the SB.
- The EDB recommends schools to upload participating and winning entries to their school websites for viewing by parents and the public.

### **Announcement of Results and Prize-giving Ceremony**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Content</b>
1.	Early April 2023	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. 
2.	June-July 2023 (Tentative)	A prize-giving ceremony will be held.

### **Points to Note for Schools**

- The EDB reserves the right to change, suspend or terminate the activity at 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 the end of this school year.
- 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, contain no element of obscenity, abuse, violence, defamation, endangerment to national security, etc., and do not violate the laws of the HKSAR. Otherwise, the participants will be disqualified.
- All entries (including every part of an entry) must be the participants' original works, and not have been released publicly. They must not infringe copyrights or interests of any other party; otherwise the participants will be held responsible for any disputes arising therefrom and may be disqualified from the competition. If necessary, the EDB may request the participants 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 participants' works (including school names) in whole or in 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 participants.



## 2023 National Security Online Quiz Competition

### Objectives



The competition aims to enhance students' understanding of the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security, the rule of law and the development of our country, the importance of safeguarding national security, the close relationship between national security and our daily lives, as well as the importance of national security to individuals, our society and our 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.
- Participating students 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.<sup>2</sup> during the period from **14 April (Friday) to 26 April (Wednesday) 2023**.
- 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
<u>Primary Section</u> <a href="http://www.edcity.hk/national-security/pri">www.edcity.hk/national-security/pri</a>	
<u>Secondary Section</u> <a href="http://www.edcity.hk/national-security/sec">www.edcity.hk/national-security/sec</a>	

<sup>2</sup> 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.

- Students are required to answer 15 questions including short video response questions and quiz questions within 10 minutes. Some of the questions are based on the content of the following websites, learning resources and three videos. Schools are recommended to encourage students to watch the videos and study the following contents before entering the competition:

- ✧ Exhibition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law  
(<https://nslexhibition.hk>)






- ✧ Picture Book on National Security Education  
“Our Country, Our Security” (Chinese version only)  
ISBN: 9789620449659  
[Note: The parts related to safeguarding national security from the picture book have been displayed in the above Exhibition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law ([nslexhibition.hk](https://nslexhibition.hk))]

- ✧ The “Little National Affairs Experts” Interactive Quiz Game Resource Pack (Chinese version only)  
([www.edb.gov.hk/ne](http://www.edb.gov.hk/ne))



- ✧ Videos:

Primary Section	QR Code
Video 1 (Chinese version only): 國家安全與香港：甚麼是國家安全？ (Duration: 2 minutes 40 seconds)  <a href="https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/09/24016.html">https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/09/24016.html</a>	
Video 2 (Chinese version only): 國家安全與香港：國家安全重點領域與香港關係（上） (Duration: 3 minutes 42 seconds)  <a href="https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/09/24018.html">https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/09/24018.html</a>	
Video 3 (Chinese version only): 端午節龍舟與糉子 (Duration: 3 minutes 30 seconds)  <a href="https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2021/06/22185.html">https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2021/06/22185.html</a>	

Secondary Section	QR Code
<p>Video 1 (Chinese version only):            國家安全與香港：國家安全觀 (Duration: 3 minutes 21 seconds)</p> <p><a href="https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/09/24017.html">https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/09/24017.html</a></p>	
<p>Video 2 (Chinese version only):            國家安全與香港：國家安全重點領域與香港關係（下） (Duration: 4 minutes 24 seconds)</p> <p><a href="https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/09/24019.html">https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/09/24019.html</a></p>	
<p>Video 3 (Chinese version only):            尋找我們的國家公園 (Duration: 3 minutes 32 seconds)</p> <p><a href="https://chinacurrent.com/hk/story/22722/china-national-parks">https://chinacurrent.com/hk/story/22722/china-national-parks</a></p>	

- Each student can only attempt the online quiz competition once. Students found to have attempted more than once will be disqualified.
- 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 the questions will be compared in deciding which school(s) should receive the award(s).
  - Individual awards: The awards include First, Second and Third Prizes, and Honourable Mentions (based on the number of questions correctly answered). In case of a tie, the total time used in answering the questions will be compared in deciding which student(s) will receive the award(s).
- A certificate will be awarded to each participating school and student.
- Students who have participated in the “Basic Law Student Ambassadors Training Scheme” organised by the EDB and entered this online quiz competition successfully will be awarded one point. Those who win an individual award in this competition will be awarded one extra point.
- Winning schools/students may be invited to join additional activity(ies) under the “2023 Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” Programme.

## **Entry**

- Schools interested in entering the “2023 National Security Online Quiz Competition” should log into Hong Kong Education City by accessing its website ([www.edcity.hk/national-security/reg](http://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 version only) **from 21 March (Tuesday) to 11 April (Tuesday) 2023**. 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 “2023 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. Schools may work out the arrangement with their teachers in charge or information technology co-ordinators. If further assistance is required, schools may approach the Hong Kong Education City.



## **Announcement of Results and Prize-giving Ceremony**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Content</b>
1.	Early June 2023	The announcement will be made under “What’s New” of the EDB’s National Education One-stop Portal ( <a href="http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp">www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp</a> ). Winning schools and students will be notified by post.
2.	June-July 2023 (Tentative)	A prize-giving 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](mailto:info@edcity.hk).

## 2023 National Security Writing Competition

### **Objectives**

The competition aims to enhance students' understanding of the development of our country and national security, and cultivate in students a sense of belonging to our country by writing down their feelings and thoughts after watching videos on the theme of "national security" and reading related books. Schools can also make use of the entries for school-based activities related to national security education to create a positive atmosphere for safeguarding national security together on campus.

### **Eligibility/Word Count**





**Participating students can write in either Chinese or English. Word count of the entry should not be less than the numbers listed below:**

- Lower Primary Section (Primary 1-3 students): 100 words (in Chinese) or 40 words (in English)
- Upper Primary Section (Primary 4-6 students): 150 words (in Chinese) or 80 words (in English)
- Junior Secondary Section (Secondary 1-3 students): 250 words (in Chinese) or 150 words (in English)
- Senior Secondary Section (Secondary 4-6 students): 450 words (in Chinese) or 300 words (in English)

### **Topics**

- Participating students should watch the following videos/read the following books according to their respective section, and then express their feelings and thoughts in writing on the theme of safeguarding national security. The content may include but not limited to:
  - how the videos/books enhance the participants' understanding of safeguarding national security;
  - how the videos/books are related to various aspects of an individual's daily life; and
  - how the videos/books strengthen their awareness of and sense of responsibility for safeguarding national security.

- Students can choose one item as the source materials for their writing, or more than one item for an integrated writing, and give a title to the writing.
- To demonstrate their creativity, students can add art designs including images and decorations to complement their writings.

Lower Primary Section / Upper Primary Section	QR Code
Item 1: <b>Video (Chinese version only): 承載滿滿寶藏的宣紙</b> (Duration: 3 minutes 09 seconds) <a href="https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2020/09/21959.html">https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2020/09/21959.html</a>	
Item 2: <b>Video (Chinese version only): 全球多少植物已消失殆盡？</b> (Duration: 3 minutes 48 seconds) <a href="https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/04/23491.html">https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/04/23491.html</a>	
Item 3: <b>Video (Chinese version with English subtitles): Fundamental Rights and Duties of Hong Kong Residents</b> (Duration: 4 minutes 35 seconds) <a href="https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/01/23145.html#eng">https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/01/23145.html#eng</a>	
Item 4: <b>Video (English version): Growing Rice as a Way to Solve Hunger</b> (Duration: 3 minutes 05 seconds) <a href="https://chinacurrent.com/story/23588/growing-rice-as-a-way-to-solve-hunger">https://chinacurrent.com/story/23588/growing-rice-as-a-way-to-solve-hunger</a>	
Item 5: <b>Book: Wonders of the Stars</b> Hong Kong: Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, 2022 <a href="https://www.nsed.gov.hk/booklet.php?b=picture_book_en.pdf">https://www.nsed.gov.hk/booklet.php?b=picture_book_en.pdf</a>	
Item 6: <b>Book: “Our Country, Our Security” (Chinese version only)</b> <b>compiled by the University of International Relations and 國家安全法治研究基地 (Chinese only)</b> Hong Kong: Joint Publishing (H.K.), 2022 [Note: The parts related to safeguarding national security from the picture book have	

been displayed in the Exhibition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law (nslexhibition.hk)]

Item 7:

**Book Series: “My Home is in China” (Chinese version only)**

Hong Kong: Chung Hwa Book Co., 2021

Junior Secondary Section / Senior Secondary Section	QR Code
<p>Item 1:</p> <p><b>Video (Chinese version only):</b> 解構「華龍一號」核電機組 (Duration: 3 minutes 24 seconds) <a href="https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2021/06/22165.html">https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2021/06/22165.html</a></p>	
<p>Item 2:</p> <p><b>Video (Chinese version only):</b> 太空之旅後的超級種子 (Duration: 3 minutes 04 seconds) <a href="https://chinacurrent.com/hk/story/23911/super-seeds-after-space-journey">https://chinacurrent.com/hk/story/23911/super-seeds-after-space-journey</a></p>	
<p>Item 3:</p> <p><b>Video (Chinese version with English subtitles):</b> <b>What is the Rule of Law?</b> (Duration: 3 minutes 40 seconds) <a href="https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/01/23147.html#eng">https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2022/01/23147.html#eng</a></p>	
<p>Item 4:</p> <p><b>Video (English version): Preserving Pandas</b> (Duration: 4 minutes 21 seconds) <a href="https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2021/4/22977.html">https://chinacurrent.com/education/article/2021/4/22977.html</a></p>	
<p>Item 5:</p> <p><b>Book Series: “My Home is in China” (Chinese version only)</b> Hong Kong: Chung Hwa Book Co., 2021</p>	

### **Mode of Entry**

- Students should enter the competition on an individual basis, and each student can only submit one entry.
- **Schools can organise this activity in the Chinese/English classes. Subject**

**teachers can turn this activity into one of the Chinese/English composition assignments and provide guidance to students in class.**

- There is no limit on the number of entries submitted by each school. Each student should be coached by a teacher, and each teacher may coach more than one student.

### **Competition Rules**

#### *Requirements for entries:*

- Entries can be either handwritten or typewritten.
- Art designs including images and decorations can be added to the entries to facilitate adjudicators' understanding of the content, but the related designs will not be considered in the assessment of the writing.
- Entries shall be written in Chinese or English.
- Content of the entries should not reveal information related to participating schools and students.
- Entries should be converted into electronic files for submission.

#### ***Points to Note on the Use of the National Flag, National Emblem, Regional Flag, Regional Emblem and their Designs in Design Competitions:***


- If the use of the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem and their designs is needed in the entries, participants shall abide by the National Flag and National Emblem Ordinance and the Regional Flag and Regional Emblem Ordinance, and observe the following requirements:
  - The shape, design and colour of the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem or their designs used in the competition should be identical to the national flag, national emblem, regional flag or regional emblem commonly in use, e.g. design in the form of a jigsaw puzzle is not allowed.
  - Any text or symbol should not be overlapped with the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem or their designs.
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    - ✧ the flag/emblem is defaced
    - ✧ the direction of the flag/emblem is reversed



- Regarding the specifications for the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem and the points to note, please refer to the National Flag and National Emblem Ordinance, the Regional Flag and Regional Emblem Ordinance and the related websites (Please refer to Annex 6 for the relevant web links).

***Points to Note on the Use of the Map of the Territory of the People's Republic of China:***




- If the use of the map of the territory of the People's Republic of China is needed in the entries, participants should ensure the correct map of the territory is used. For details, please refer to the following website:


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- If any entry fails to comply with the above requirements on the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem and map of the territory of the People's Republic of China, the participant may be requested to make amendments to the design or the entry may be disqualified (without prior notice).

***Submission of entries:***

- Schools should duly complete the entry form online and upload the electronic files of the entries (must be DOC/ BMP/ JPEG/ PDF/ PNG/ TIFF) via the following websites or QR codes **on or before 14 April 2023 (Friday)**.

Section	Entry Form Website	Entry Form QR code
<b>Lower Primary Section</b>	<a href="https://forms.gle/Fk4dRj72jqul1kauNA">https://forms.gle/Fk4dRj72jqul1kauNA</a>	
<b>Upper Primary Section</b>	<a href="https://forms.gle/sJZD6ZMwTxFKnfiT8">https://forms.gle/sJZD6ZMwTxFKnfiT8</a>	
<b>Junior Secondary Section</b>	<a href="https://forms.gle/WDoQbodpkNeo3b2g8">https://forms.gle/WDoQbodpkNeo3b2g8</a>	

Section	Entry Form Website	Entry Form QR code
Senior Secondary Section	<a href="https://forms.gle/CvSCAqRuZ8xZbeuW7">https://forms.gle/CvSCAqRuZ8xZbeuW7</a>	

- The name of the electronic file of each entry must include the 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”
- If thirty or more entries are to be submitted by a school, the EDB will provide a convenient submission method. For details, please contact the Moral, Civic and National Education Section at 2892 5434.

### **Judging Criteria**

- Conformity with the theme (20%)
- Mastery of concepts (30%)
- Grammar and expressions (30%)
- Creativity (20%)

### **Adjudication Panel**

- Entries will be adjudicated by a panel comprising members from the relevant Committees on the Key Learning Areas of the Curriculum Development Council, Working Group on Teachers and Students of the Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee, the EDB and the SB.
- The adjudication panel reserves the right of final decision on the competition.


### **Awards**

- The following awards will be given to each section:
  - Individual awards: First, Second and Third Prizes, and Honourable Mentions
  - “2023 National Security Writing Competition: Active Participation School Award”: The award will be given to the 10 schools with the highest number of participating students in each section.
  - Outstanding English Entry Award
- Winning schools will each receive a trophy; winning students will each be given 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 have won an individual award in this competition will be awarded one extra point.

### **Use of Winning Entries**

- Winning entries may be displayed for the public's viewing for promotion and encouragement.
- Participating and winning entries may be used for promotional purposes by the EDB and the SB.
- Participating and winning entries may be uploaded to the websites and social media platforms of the EDB and the SB.
- The EDB recommends schools to upload participating and winning entries to their school websites for viewing by parents and the public.

### **Announcement of Results and Prize-giving Ceremony**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>
1.	Early June 2023	The list of winners will be announced under “What’s New” of the EDB's “National Education One-stop Portal” ( <a href="http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp">www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp</a> ). Winning schools and students will be notified by post. 
2.	June-July 2023 (Tentative)	A prize-giving ceremony will be held.

### **Points to Note for Schools**

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- Participating schools should keep the master copy of entries until the end of this school year.
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- 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, contain no element of obscenity, abuse, violence, defamation, endangerment to national security, etc., as well as do not violate the laws of the HKSAR. Otherwise, the participants will be disqualified.

- All entries (including every part of an entry) must be the participants' original works, and not have been publicised. They must not infringe copyrights or interests of any other party; otherwise the participants will be held responsible for any disputes arising therefrom and may be disqualified from the competition. If necessary, the EDB may request the participants 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 participants' works (including school names) in whole or in 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.

## 2023 School Bulletin Board Design Competition on National Security

### Objectives

The competition aims to encourage students to be creative in designing school bulletin boards on the theme of “national security”, and enhance students’ understanding of national security, the close relationship between national security and our daily lives, and the importance of safeguarding national security to individuals, our society and our country. Schools may refer to the important dates listed in the “National Education – Event Planning Calendar” published earlier by the EDB, including the “Commemoration Day for the Promulgation of the Basic Law” on April 4 and the “National Security Education Day” on April 15, to create a positive atmosphere in class and the whole school to safeguard national security through the design of school bulletin boards.



### Eligibility

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

### Topics

- **Primary Section: “National Security and Our Lives”**
  - Make a school/ classroom bulletin board in one of the following areas to show the close relationship between national security and our daily lives:
    - ✧ The close relationship among one or more of the domains of national security<sup>3</sup> and various aspects of our daily lives
    - ✧ Safeguarding national security requires our joint effort
- **Secondary Section: “Joining Hands in Safeguarding National Security Enables Hong Kong to Undergo the Transition from Stability to Prosperity”**
  - Make a school/ classroom bulletin board in one of the following areas to demonstrate the importance of national security to social and national development:

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<sup>3</sup>According 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 new security domains (including biosecurity, space security, deep sea security, polar security).

- ✧ The Hong Kong National Security Law ensures the steadfast and successful implementation of the principle of “one country, two systems”
- ✧ The interconnection between one or more of the domains of national security<sup>4</sup> and the benefits of Hong Kong residents

### **Mode of Entry**

- Students should enter the competition on a team basis. Each team should have a minimum of three and a maximum of six members, and one of them should serve as the team leader.
- Each student can only join one team, and each team can only submit one entry.
- Each team should be coached by one teacher, and each teacher may coach more than one team.
- There is no limit on the number of entries submitted by each school.

### **Competition Rules**

Participating teams are required to select a topic area under the themes of their respective section to make a bulletin board, and submit a short video or a brief description explaining the key ideas and features of the board.

#### *Requirements for entries:*

- A bulletin board can be made in two or three dimensions according to the size of the board. There are no restrictions on the format and materials.
- If an entry contains texts, such texts should be in Chinese and/or English.
- Participating teams are required to take **no more than five photos** of the bulletin board, including one photo showing the full view of the bulletin board, and submit the photos in the form of electronic files. The resolution of the photos should be no less than 300dpi.
- A description of no more than 200 words (punctuation marks are not counted) written in Chinese/English, or a short video not exceeding 2 minutes explaining the key ideas and features of the bulletin board shall be provided for each entry. The resolution of the video must be 720p or above.

#### ***Points to Note on the Use of the National Flag, National Emblem, Regional Flag, Regional Emblem and their Designs in Design Competitions:***

- If the use of the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem and their designs is needed in the entries, participants shall abide by the National

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Flag and National Emblem Ordinance and the Regional Flag and Regional Emblem Ordinance, and observe the following requirements:

- The shape, design and colour of the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem or their designs used in the competition should be identical to the national flag, national emblem, regional flag or regional emblem commonly in use, e.g. design in the form of a jigsaw puzzle is not allowed.
- Any text or symbol should not be overlapped with the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem or their designs.
- Respect should be given when the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem or their designs are used. Misunderstanding by the public that the designs of the entries do not respect the national flag, national emblem, regional flag and regional emblem should also be avoided. Common irregularities found in designs (not exhaustive) include:
  - ✧ not all five stars of the national flag are shown
  - ✧ the bauhinia design is tilted
  - ✧ the flag/emblem is partially covered
  - ✧ the flag/emblem is defaced
  - ✧ the direction of the flag/emblem is reversed
- Regarding the specifications for the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem and the points to note, please refer to the National Flag and National Emblem Ordinance, the Regional Flag and Regional Emblem Ordinance and the related websites (Please refer to Annex 6 for the relevant web links).

***Points to Note on the Use of the Map of the Territory of the People's Republic of China:***



- If the use of the map of the territory of the People's Republic of China is needed in the entries, participants should ensure the correct map of the territory is used. For details, please refer to the following website:

Website	QR Code
Map of the Territory of the People's Republic of China (Chinese version only) <a href="http://www.gov.cn/guoqing/2017-07/28/content_5043915.htm">http://www.gov.cn/guoqing/2017-07/28/content_5043915.htm</a>	

- If any entry fails to comply with the above requirements on the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem and map of the territory of the People's Republic of China, the participant may be requested to make amendments to the design or the entry may be disqualified (without prior notice).

### *Submission of entries:*

- Schools should duly complete the entry form online and upload the electronic files of the entries via the following websites or QR codes **on or before 3 March 2023 (Friday)**, including:
  - Photo(s) of the bulletin board (must be in BMP/ JPEG/ PDF/ PNG/ TIFF format); and
  - Electronic file of the description explaining the key ideas and features of the bulletin board (must be in Word doc/PDF). If a short video is submitted, a private link to the uploaded video on a video sharing platform such as YouTube (please set the video as unlisted) should be provided.

Section	Entry Form Website	Entry Form QR code
Primary Section	<a href="https://forms.gle/47uXxiR15GKLwYfQA">https://forms.gle/47uXxiR15GKLwYfQA</a>	
Secondary Section	<a href="https://forms.gle/y9BrAZx8iRDvMWXp9">https://forms.gle/y9BrAZx8iRDvMWXp9</a>	

- The description/ short video explaining the key ideas and features of the school bulletin board must include the Chinese name of the school, the name of the team leader and the topic area.
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### **Judging Criteria**

- Content of the bulletin board (50%)
- Creative design (30%)
- Artistic skill (20%)



### **Adjudication Panel**

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## “2023 Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” Programme Online Briefing Session









### Details and Registration Methods:

<b>Course Code</b>	:	CDI020221751
<b>Date</b>	:	25 October 2022 (Tuesday) and 26 October 2022 (Wednesday) (The two sessions are identical.)
<b>Time</b>	:	3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
<b>Mode</b>	:	Real-time meeting via Zoom
<b>Target</b>	:	Principals, vice-principals and teachers-in-charge
<b>Registration methods</b>	:	<p>Register through Teacher Training Calendar System with Course code CDI020221751</p>  <p><a href="https://tcs.edb.gov.hk/tcs/admin/courses/previewCourse/forPortal.htm?courseId=CDI020221751&amp;lang=en">https://tcs.edb.gov.hk/tcs/admin/courses/previewCourse/forPortal.htm?courseId=CDI020221751&amp;lang=en</a></p>
<b>Registration Deadline</b>	:	17 October 2022 (Monday)
<b>Remarks</b>	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Registration for the online briefing sessions is on a first-come, first-served basis.</li> <li>● Admitted participants will be notified by email three working days before the online briefing sessions.</li> <li>● The admission email will contain the login details and related information. Please ensure that the email address provided is correct.</li> <li>● For enquiries, 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.</li> </ul>

## 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 competitions.

Reference Materials and Websites	QR code
<b>The Constitution of the People's Republic of China</b> <a href="https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/constitution/index.html">https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/constitution/index.html</a>	
<b>The Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and related documents</b> <a href="https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/basiclawtext/index.html">https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/basiclawtext/index.html</a>	
<b>The Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region</b> <a href="https://www.isd.gov.hk/nationalsecurity/eng/law.html">https://www.isd.gov.hk/nationalsecurity/eng/law.html</a>	
<b>National Flag and National Emblem Ordinance</b> <a href="https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/A401">https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/A401</a> [Note: Please refer to Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 for Specifications for the National Flag and National Emblem of the People's Republic of China]	
<b>Regional Flag and Regional Emblem Ordinance</b> <a href="https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/A602">https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/A602</a> [Note: Please refer to Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 for Specifications for the Regional Flag and Regional Emblem of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China]	
<b>The website of the Basic Law</b> <a href="https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/index/index.html">https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/index/index.html</a>	
<b>Basic Law 30th Anniversary Legal Summit Proceedings – Back to Basics</b> <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>	

<p><b>Pamphlets titled “The Law of the People’s Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region” and “Q&amp;As on Legislation for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to Safeguard National Security”</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.isd.gov.hk/nationalsecurity/eng/pamphlets.html">https://www.isd.gov.hk/nationalsecurity/eng/pamphlets.html</a></p>	
<p><b>Basic Law Online Course for Secondary School Students’ Self-directed Learning</b></p> <p><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></p>	
<p><b>Q&amp;A from National Laws Applicable to HKSAR: A Student Guide</b> (Chinese version only)</p> <p><a href="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">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</a> (primary version)</p> <p><a href="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">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</a> (secondary version)</p>	  
<p><b>Getting to Know the National Flag, the National Emblem, the National Anthem and the Regional Flag</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/moral-civic/newwebsite/flagraising.html">https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/moral-civic/newwebsite/flagraising.html</a></p>	
<p><b>Exhibition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law</b></p> <p><a href="https://nslexhibition.hk/?lang=en&amp;sid=7">https://nslexhibition.hk/?lang=en&amp;sid=7</a></p>	
<p><b>“Let’s Learn about National Security” (an audio picture book)</b></p> <p><a href="https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_vbukjhmxx">https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_vbukjhmxx</a></p>	
<p><b>“Our National Flag, National Anthem and Regional Flag” (an audio picture book)</b></p> <p><a href="https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_mh1zs4tu">https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_mh1zs4tu</a></p>	

<b>The Display of the National Flag and the Regional Flag</b> (Chinese version only) <a href="https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_yyqhr3da">https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_yyqhr3da</a>	
<b>《我們國家及香港特區的象徵：國旗、國歌和區旗》教育短片</b> (Chinese version only) <a href="http://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_2qo3akfs">http://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_2qo3akfs</a>	
<b>The Constitution and the Basic Law Learning and Teaching Resources</b> (Chinese version only) <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/pshe/constitution-basiclaw">https://www.edb.gov.hk/pshe/constitution-basiclaw</a>	
<b>Teaching Resources on the Constitution of the People's Republic of China [Junior Secondary Curriculum of the PSHE Key Learning Area]</b> (Chinese version 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>	
<b>The Constitution and the Basic Law Education Wall-chart Resources</b> (Chinese version 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>	
<b>Infographics Series: National Flag, National Emblem, National Anthem</b> (Chinese version only) <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/moral-civic/newwebsite/flagraising.html#6">https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/moral-civic/newwebsite/flagraising.html#6</a>	
<b>The "Little National Affairs Experts" Interactive Quiz Game Resource Pack</b> (Chinese version only) <a href="http://www.edb.gov.hk/ne">www.edb.gov.hk/ne</a>	
<b>Wonders of the Stars</b> <a href="https://www.nsed.gov.hk/booklet.php?b=picture_book_en.pdf">https://www.nsed.gov.hk/booklet.php?b=picture_book_en.pdf</a>	
<b>Picture Book on National Security Education “Our Country, Our Security”</b> (Chinese version only) ISBN 9789620449659	

[Note: The parts related to safeguarding national security from the picture book have been displayed in the Exhibition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law ([nslexhibition.hk](http://nslexhibition.hk))]