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To : Heads of Secondary Schools

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"East meets West, Inheritance of Chinese Culture —— Understanding our heritage through historical buildings in Hong Kong"

(Note: This circular memorandum should be read by heads of all secondary schools)

Summary

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to invite secondary schools to participate in the coming activities of the series of "East meets West, Inheritance of Chinese Culture" organised by Liberal Studies / Citizenship and Social Development (LS/CS) Section, Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau (EDB).

Background

2. The EDB has organised a series of activities under the theme of "East meets West, Inheritance of Chinese Culture" to deepen both teachers and students the understanding of Chinese culture and enhance their awareness of the importance of conservation and preservation of our heritage as well as arousing students' interest in studying topics related to the subject of Citizenship and Social Development (CS). The first of the series titled "Hong Kong's Intangible Cultural Heritage Online Carnival" aimed at enhancing students' understanding and interest of intangible cultural heritage in Hong Kong was successfully held in October and December 2022 through online workshops, videos and seminars.

Details

3. To facilitate the implementation of CS, the EDB will jointly organise a course titled "East meets West, Inheritance of Chinese Culture — Understanding our heritage through historical buildings in Hong Kong" with the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO). The course comprises a seminar and three local tours, aims at enhancing teachers' understanding, awareness and appreciation of our historical buildings, helping them design related learning activities for students. Through participating in the local tours organised by schools, students can deepen their understanding of our Chinese culture being the mainstream in our multi-cultural society, and its inheritance and development in Hong Kong as well as enhancing their interest in studying "Characteristics of cultural diversity of the Hong Kong society" and "Sustainable development" of the CS curriculum. Teachers from other subjects besides CS are also welcomed to enrol for the course. Please refer to Annex 1 and 2 for further details.

Enquiry

4. For enquiries, please contact Brian WONG from LS/CS Section, Curriculum Development Institute, EDB at 2892 6644.

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Seminar of Citizenship and Social Development: Conservation and Inheritance of Chinese Culture and Cultural Diversity in Hong Kong

Summary

The seminar will be conducted in hybrid mode. It aims at enhancing teachers' understanding on the inheritance and development of Chinese culture in Hong Kong, and the integration with different cultures through introducing the conservation and restoration of different local cultural heritage. Teachers will be able to handle topics of CS related to the characteristics of cultural diversity in the Hong Kong society, and help students understand the impact of the integration of Chinese traditional culture integrating with different cultures on the Hong Kong society, and the positive significance of the characteristics of cultural diversity to the Hong Kong society.

Details of the seminar

- Title: Conservation and Inheritance of Chinese Culture and Cultural Diversity in Hong Kong
- Summary: Helping teachers deepen their understanding of conservation and restoration of cultural heritage through local examples, so as to explore the historical development of Chinese culture and cultural diversity in Hong Kong
- Speakers: Ms SIU Lai Kuen, Susanna (Chief Heritage Executive), Mr CHAU Hing Wah (Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of History, The Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- Date: 17 February 2023
- Time: 14:30 17:00
- Venue: W107, West Block, Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 18 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong (Max. no. of participants: 30)
 Online mode via Zoom (Max. no. of participants: 450)
- Enrolment: Through Training Calendar System (TCS)

"East meets West, Inheritance of Chinese Culture — Understanding our heritage through historical buildings in Hong Kong"

Local tours on Chinese Culture and Heritage

Summary

The captioned course is tentatively composed of three local tours organised for teachers, to facilitate them in helping students understand the life styles and living environment of the early residents in Hong Kong and their culture; the characteristics of Hakka culture and its relationship with our modern society and ways to conserve and preserve our Chinese culture. Relevant learning and teaching resources of these three tours will also be available for teachers' reference.

Details of three local tours as follow:

A. Tai Po

- The tour introduced various historical buildings and culture of Tai Po as well as demonstrates how sustainable development could be achieved through heritage conservation.
- The visit includes Old Tai Po Market Railway Station, Old Tai Po Police Station, Old District Office North, Man Mo Temple, etc. (Tentative)
- Date: April 2023 (Tentative)
- B. Yim Tin Tsai
- Yim Tin Tsai, a Hakka village with nearly 300-year history serves as another example of preservation and conservation of our cultural heritage. Teachers will understand how the government help rebuild the village while preserving its religion, art, ecology to promote cultural tourism.
- Through visiting St. Joseph's Chapel, Yim Tin Tsai Heritage Exhibition Centre, Yim Tin Tsai Salt Pans, etc. (Tentative), teachers will understand how the government help conserve and promote local culture, and how the interaction between Chinese traditional culture and other culture affect the development of the Hong Kong society.
- Date: May 2023 (Tentative)

C. Sha Tau Kok

- Through site visit to traditional Hakka village and surrounding areas of Sha Tau Kok, teachers will deepen their understanding of the Hakka culture, their historical buildings and natural resources of the area and possible ways to conserve and preserve our cultural heritage in order to achieve the goals of sustainable development.
- Date: July 2023 (Tentative)

Enrolment

The above local tours will be held tentatively between April and July 2023, each local tour will cater for 20 to 30 participants. The application details will be uploaded to TCS for teachers' enrolment about 1 month before the commencement of each tour. In case of over-subscription, priority will be given to applicants who rank first in their school nomination list.