#### EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 120/2024

From : Secretary for Education To : Heads of all Primary, Secondary and Special Schools

(Excluding ESF Schools and International Schools)

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# The Fourth Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law and the 27th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

## **Summary**

This circular memorandum aims to inform heads of primary and secondary schools about the activities and related learning and teaching resources for the fourth anniversary of the promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law and the 27th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

#### **Background**

2. 30 June 2024 is an important day as it marks the fourth anniversary of the promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law. The Safeguarding National Security Ordinance came into effect on 23 March 2024. It complements with the Hong Kong National Security Law, other relevant local legislation and existing enforcement mechanisms for safeguarding national security to form a comprehensive and effective legal framework for safeguarding national security. This year also marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and the 27th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR. Schools can also connect different activities related to national education to celebrate the National Day and Hong Kong's return to the Motherland.

#### **Details**

#### Student Activities

- 3. In tandem with the important occasion of the fourth anniversary of the promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law and the 27th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, the EDB will organise the "'Chinese Civilisation' Online Challenge Competition" from 24 to 28 June 2024. For details, please refer to **Annex 1**.
- 4. Schools should refer to the "National Education Event Planning Calendar" to organise celebration activities including conducting the national flag raising ceremony and playing and singing the national anthem on the HKSAR Establishment Day or the school day before or after the HKSAR Establishment Day, and encourage students to participate in commemorative activities related to the 27th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.

Learning and Teaching Resources

- 5. Schools can make reference to the "Key Speaking Points for the Fourth Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law" (Annex 2) compiled by the EDB and explain to students the significance of the Hong Kong National Security Law and the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance on schools days around the fourth anniversary of the promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law. This can be done during morning assemblies, class teacher periods, talks in the school hall, etc.
- 6. The EDB has developed multiple-choice questions and self-study/extended learning materials for the "National Security Education Exhibition Boards" (Chinese version). Teachers can select appropriate materials in conjunction with national education, and integrate relevant content into learning and teaching and life-wide learning activities. For details, please refer to **Annex 3**.
- 7. The EDB has also consolidated relevant reference materials and webpages (Annex 4) for schools' reference.
- 8. The EDB will continue to disseminate diversified resources related to Constitution, Basic Law and national security education through the webbased resource platform "National Education One-stop Portal" (www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp) and "National Security Education Resource Webpage" (www.edb.gov.hk/en/nser) to help schools promote national education and national security education, and foster students' sense of national identity and awareness of safeguarding national security.



### **Enquiry**

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

Grace LAW for Secretary for Education

cc: Heads of Sections – for information

## "Chinese Civilisation" Online Challenge Competition

## **Aims**

Through the study of "Chinese Civilisation – National Education and National Security Education Learning and Teaching Resources", students can enhance their knowledge of national history, outstanding traditional Chinese culture, picturesque landscapes, national security and model figures, as well as their understanding of national conditions through participating in the "Chinese Civilisation" Online Challenge Competition game, which helps cultivate students' patriotic sentiments.

#### **Categories**

Primary Section and Secondary Section

#### **Competition rules**

School enrolment period:

• From now to 14 June 2024 (Friday)

#### Competition period:

• From 8:00 a.m. on 24 June 2024 (Monday) to 8:00 p.m. on 28 June 2024 (Friday).

#### Competition procedures:

- Students enrol in the Competition on a school basis.
- Schools encourage all students to log onto the "Chinese Civilisation' Online Challenge Competition" webpage in the "National Security Education Online Learning Platform" (Learning Platform)<sup>1</sup> during the competition period and play the "Chinese Civilisation' Online Challenge Competition" game to accumulate points for their own school, and compete for the awards.
- There is <u>no limit to the number of times</u> students participate in the "Chinese Civilisation' Online Challenge Competition" game during the competition period.
- Before participating in the competition, students can visit the "Student Self-Study Zone" on the Learning Platform to download and read the "Chinese Civilisation Learning and Teaching Resources for National Education and National Security Education" for the relevant section.
- During the competition period, each school can refer to the real-time challenge leaderboard to find out the rankings of the top 34 schools and its own ranking. For details, please refer to the figure below:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A school-registered teacher account (i.e. a school-based teacher account) or a school-registered student account must be used to access the "National Security Education Online Learning Platform". For assistance, please contact the school administrator of your school, or email HKEdCity at info@edcity.hk.





Schools can arrange for students to participate in the competition as a postexam activity to tie in with the important occasion of the fourth anniversary of the promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law.

#### Enrolment procedures:

Schools must complete the entry form online through the following link or QR code <u>on</u> <u>or before 14 June 2024</u>.

Entry Form URL	Entry Form QR Code
https://forms.office.com/r/EzTfT75CiD	

#### **Prizes and Awards**

Awards for each section are as follows:

- The champion, first runner-up, second runner-up and third runner-up (i.e. the top four schools with the highest cumulative scores): trophies, certificates and prizes
- Active Participation School Award (for the next top 30 schools with the highest cumulative scores after the champion, first runner-up, second runner-up and third runner-up): certificates
- All participating students will receive an electronic certificate.

#### Points to note

- Each school should appoint a teacher to serve as the contact person to facilitate the dissemination of competition information from the EDB to the school.
- Competition details and real-time competition information will be announced via email and SMS. Schools are requested to fill in a correct and frequently used email address and mobile phone number at enrolment.
- The EDB reserves the right to change, suspend or terminate the activity at any time. Any changes will be announced on the "National Security Education Online Learning Platform" of the EDB.
- The EDB has the final decision of the competition.
- The EDB reserves the right to change the competition awards without prior notice.
- The EDB has the right to use all or part of the photos and videos of the competition for non-profit-making purposes, and has the right to edit, translate, adapt, use, copy,

- distribute and upload them onto the Internet without the prior consent of the participants.
- Details of the "Chinese Civilisation' Online Challenge Competition" can be obtained via the following link and QR code:



## **Enquiry**

For enquiries, please contact the Moral, Civic and National Education Section of the Curriculum Development Institute, the EDB by phone on 2892 6316 or 2892 5805, or by email at mcne3@edb.gov.hk.

# **Key Speaking Points for the Fourth Anniversary of Promulgation of The Hong Kong National Security Law (Chinese Version only)**

(Suitable for morning assemblies / class teacher periods / talks in the school hall, etc.)

- 今年是《香港國安法》頒布四周年,亦是《維護國家安全條例》在香港頒行的一年,香港特區政府在憲制責任上完成了為《基本法》第二十三條立法,在維護國家安全上進入新的階段。現在讓我們回顧一下這個歷程。
- ●《香港國安法》是 2020 年由全國人大授權全國人大常委會制定,針對 2019 年在香港出現嚴重危害國家安全的行為和活動而立法。現屆特區政府為完成《基本法》第二十三條的憲制責任,更全面地維護國家安全和保障香港的穩定,在 2024 年初為《基本法》第二十三條立法進行了公眾諮詢,制訂了《維護國家安全條例草案》,並提交立法會作討論後,進一步修正和完善草案,最終得到立法會全票通過。2024 年3月23日,《維護國家安全條例》刊憲公布實施,正式生效。
- 有人可能會問,甚麼是「國家安全」呢?「國家安全」很重要嗎?根據《中華人民共和國國家安全法》,國家安全是指國家政權、主權、統一和領土完整、人民福祉、經濟社會可持續發展,國家其他重大利益相對處於沒有危險和不受內外威脅的狀態,以及保障持續安全狀態的能力。這即是說,人民的福祉是國家安全的核心之一,國家為謀求人民生活安定,經濟社會繁榮穩定發展,所以致力制定保護國家安全的法律和措施。說到底,國家安全是社會繁榮穩定、人民安居樂業的必要條件。如果沒有國家安全,人民生活就不會得到充分的保障,人們的生活可能受到動亂或戰爭影響,沒法安穩。
- 又有人可能會問,既然有了《香港國安法》,為甚麼還要為《基本法》第二十三條立法呢?首先,我們要明白每個主權國家都擁有制定法律來維護自己國家安全的權利。許多國家都會根據自身面對的風險和需要,制定一系列的國家安全法律。2020年頒布的《香港國安法》是針對 2019年在香港發生危害國家安全的緊急情況而產生,包括四類罪行:分裂國家,顛覆國家政權、恐怖活動及勾結外國或者境外勢力危害國家安全。《基本法》第二十三條除了分裂國家罪和顛覆國家罪外,還包括其他五項危害國家安全的罪行,例如竊取國家機密及間諜行為等。因此,在當今國際形勢千變萬化,危害國家安全的風險每日都存在的情況下,《基本法》第二十三條立法為國家安全提供更多更好的保障。
- ●《維護國家安全條例》生效後,對香港的發展有甚麼好處呢?《維護國家安全條

- 例》全面落實《基本法》第二十三條,實施後香港特區的國家安全得到更有效的保障,特區政府可以全力聚焦發展經濟,改善民生,維持香港長期繁榮穩定,讓我們在香港可以安居樂業,建立美好的家園。
- 在維護國家安全方面,我們有甚麼角色和責任呢?我們了解《維護國家安全條例》 的立法背景和原意後,相信會知道《條例》所涉及的都是十分嚴重的罪行,例如叛 國罪,針對的是極少數危害國家安全的人,目的是要保護廣大香港市民生命、財 產、自由和權利,同時不會影響我們日常的對外交流和生活。只要我們奉公守法就 不會誤墮法網。當然,我們如發現一些涉及危害國家的情況,可以向有關單位如國 安處舉報熱線報告,履行公民責任。正所謂:國家安全,人人有責。
- 最後,《香港國安法》和《維護國家安全條例》的實施,為香港由治及興創造契機, 香港特區政府可以聚焦拼經濟、惠民生,使香港能夠長期繁榮安定,香港居民能夠 安居樂業,各展所長。就讓我們在香港特別行政區成立 27 周年這個重要日子,既慶 祝回歸祖國,也攜手維護國家安全,保護我們美好的家園。

## **National Security Education Exhibition Boards (Chinese version)**

#### **Aims**

The EDB has previously created three sets of "National Security Education Exhibition Boards" each for the primary and the secondary levels for schools to use in internal exhibitions. In connection to the "National Security Education Exhibition Boards", learning and teaching resources, including multiple-choice questions and self-study/extended learning materials, have been developed. These resources can be customised by schools according to their school-based needs. The aim is to deepen students' understanding of the different major fields of national security, enhance their sense of national identity and strengthen their concept of nationhood.

#### **Details**

- 2. The above learning and teaching resources supplementing the "National Security Education Exhibition Boards" (Chinese version) can help deepen students' understanding of the basic content and importance of the major fields of national security, and enhance their awareness of our country's achievements and latest development. Teachers can select appropriate materials from national education and integrate relevant content of the exhibition boards and supplementary resources into learning and teaching and life-wide learning activities. The multiple-choice questions can also be used to consolidate students' learning and as materials for student competitions (such as the National Affairs Quiz Competition).
- 3. The newly added "National Security Education Exhibition Boards" (Chinese version) multiple-choice questions and self-study/extended learning materials have been uploaded onto the "National Security Education Resource Webpage". Schools can browse the webpage and download relevant resources via the following links and QR codes,:

	Links	QR Codes
National Security Education Exhibition Boards (Primary Level)	https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum- development/4-key-tasks/moral-civic/nse/l- and-t-resources/primary_game-and- others.html	
National Security Education Exhibition Boards (Secondary Level)	https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum- development/4-key-tasks/moral-civic/nse/l- and-t-resources/secondary_game-and- others.html	

#### **Enquiry**

4. For enquiries, please contact the Moral, Civic and National Education Section of the Curriculum Development Institute, the EDB by phone on 2892 5434.

## **Reference Materials and Websites**

The materials and websites listed below are for reference only. Teachers and students may also make use of other suitable resources to support learning and teaching.

Reference Materials and Websites	QR Codes
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>	
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/basiclawtext/index.html">https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/basiclawtext/index.html</a>	
The Patriotic Education Law of the People's Republic of China (Chinese version only) <a href="https://www.gov.cn/yaowen/liebiao/202310/content_6911481.htm">https://www.gov.cn/yaowen/liebiao/202310/content_6911481.htm</a>	
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>	
National Flag and National Emblem Ordinance <a href="https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/A401">https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/A401</a> [Remarks: Regarding the specifications for the National Flag and National Emblem of the People's Republic of China, please refer to Schedule 1 and 2.]	
Regional Flag and Regional Emblem Ordinance <a href="https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/A602">https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/A602</a> [Remarks: Regarding the specifications for the Regional Flag and Regional Emblem of the HKSAR, please refer to Schedule 1 and 2.]	
The website of the Basic Law https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/index/index.html	
Basic Law 30th 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>	

The Proceedings of HKSAR 25th Anniversary Legal Conference on Basic Law - Stability to Prosperity <a href="https://www.doj.gov.hk/en/publications/pdf/HKSAR_25th_Anniversary_Legal_Conference_on_Basic_Law_Proceedings.pdf">https://www.doj.gov.hk/en/publications/pdf/HKSAR_25th_Anniversary_Legal_Conference_on_Basic_Law_Proceedings.pdf</a>	
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" <a href="https://www.isd.gov.hk/nationalsecurity/eng/pamphlets.html">https://www.isd.gov.hk/nationalsecurity/eng/pamphlets.html</a>	
National Security Education Exhibition Boards (Chinese version only) <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/moral-civic/nse/l-and-t-resources/primary_game-and-others.html">https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/moral-civic/nse/l-and-t-resources/primary_game-and-others.html</a> (Primary Level)	
https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/moral-civic/nse/l-and-t-resources/secondary_game-and-others.html(Secondary Level)	
National Security Education Online Learning Platform (Chinese version only) <a href="https://nse-online.edb.edcity.hk">https://nse-online.edb.edcity.hk</a> [Remark: Login with "school-based teacher account" or "student account".]	
Chinese Civilisation – National Education and National Security Education Learning and Teaching Resources (Chinese version only) <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/nser/chi_civilisation">https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/nser/chi_civilisation</a>	
National Education One-stop Portal <a href="http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp">http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp</a>	
Constitution and Basic Law Online Learning Course for Upper Primary and Junior Secondary Students (Chinese version only) <a href="http://cble.edb.hkedcity.net/student">http://cble.edb.hkedcity.net/student</a>	
Constitution and 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	
探索·活學《憲法》及《基本法》 (Chinese version only) <a href="https://basiclawworkshops.com/">https://basiclawworkshops.com/</a>	

Q&A from National Laws Applicable to HKSAR: A Student Guide (Chinese version only) <a href="https://cbleportal.edb.edcity.hk/upload/%E8%AD%98%E6%B3%95%E5%B0%8E%E8%88%AA">https://cbleportal.edb.edcity.hk/upload/%E8%AD%98%E6%B3%95%E5%B0%8E%E8%88%AA</a> %E5%B0%8F%E5%AD%B8%E7%89%88.pdf (primary version)	
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)	
Getting to Know the National Flag, National Emblem, National Anthem, Regional Flag and Regional Emblem <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/nationalsymbols">https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/nationalsymbols</a>	
Exhibition of the 3rd Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law <a href="https://nslexhibition.hk/">https://nslexhibition.hk/</a>	
"Let's Learn about National Security" (Audio Picture Book) <a href="https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_vbukjhmx">https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_vbukjhmx</a>	
"National Security Begins at Home" (Audio Picture Book) <a href="https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_d3rvnt0t">https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_d3rvnt0t</a>	
The Display of the National Flag and the Regional Flag (Chinese version only) <a href="https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_yyqhr3da">https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_yyqhr3da</a>	
"Our National Flag, National Anthem and Regional Flag" (Audio Picture Book) <a href="https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_mh1zs4tu">https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_mh1zs4tu</a>	
Educational Video "The Symbols of our Nation and Hong Kong SAR: the National Flag, the National Anthem and the Regional Flag" <a href="https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_xeue6mgg">https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_xeue6mgg</a>	
Learning and teaching resources on Constitution and the Basic Law (Chinese version only) <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/pshe/constitution-basiclaw">https://www.edb.gov.hk/pshe/constitution-basiclaw</a>	

Teaching Resources on the Constitution of the People's Republic of China [Junior Secondary Curriculum of the Personal, Social & Humanities Education Key Learning Area] (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>	
The Constitution and the Basic Law Education Wall-chart Resources (Chinese version only) https://www.edb.gov.hk/tc/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/basic-law-education/cble_wallcharts/index.html	
Infographics Series: National Flag, National Emblem, National Anthem <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/nationalsymbols_infographics">https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/nationalsymbols_infographics</a>	
Learning and teaching resources on Knowing our National Anthem "March of the Volunteers" <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/curriculum-development/kla/arts-edu/resources/mus-curri/NA-PPT-comprehensive-e.pdf">https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/curriculum-development/kla/arts-edu/resources/mus-curri/NA-PPT-comprehensive-e.pdf</a> (Comprehensive Version)	
https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/curriculum-development/kla/arts-edu/resources/mus-curri/NA-PPT-simplified-e.pdf (Simplified Version)	
Music Video "My Motherland and I" (Chinese version only) https://emm.edcity.hk/media/《我和我的祖國》(中西管弦樂、合唱版)/1_sto88lo7	
"My Motherland and I" Learning and Teaching Resources (Chinese version only)  https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/tc/curriculum-development/kla/arts-edu/resources/mus-curri/mycountry lnt ks12.pdf (Lower and Upper Primary)  https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/tc/curriculum-development/kla/arts-	
edu/resources/mus-curri/mycountry_lnt_ks3.pdf (Junior Secondary)	
"My Motherland and I" Examples of Learning and Teaching Strategies / Learning Activities (Chinese version only)  https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/tc/curriculum-development/kla/arts-edu/resources/mus-curri/mycountry-sample-tc.pdf	
Music Video "On the Young China" (Chinese version only) <a href="https://emm.edcity.hk/media/少年中國說/1 zdcnlcfo">https://emm.edcity.hk/media/少年中國說/1 zdcnlcfo</a>	

Music video "The Pearl of the Orient" (Chinese version only)  https://emm.edcity.hk/media/慶祝香港回歸祖國二十六載音樂錄像+	
Music video "Warm Wishes" (Chinese version only) <a href="https://emm.edcity.hk/media/慶祝中華人民共和國成立七十四周年音樂 錄像——「祝福」%28 合輯%29++++/1_5spcf9e5/318473022">https://emm.edcity.hk/media/慶祝中華人民共和國成立七十四周年音樂 錄像——「祝福」%28 合輯%29++++/1_5spcf9e5/318473022</a>	
Wonders of the Stars <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>	
English e-Book <i>Traditional Chinese Festivals</i> (Primary Level) <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/Chinese_Festivals">https://www.edb.gov.hk/Chinese_Festivals</a>	
English Animation Series "An Inspiring Journey through Chinese Fables and Tales" (Primary Level) <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/FT_Animations">https://www.edb.gov.hk/FT_Animations</a>	
English Language Resource Kit on National Security Education at the Primary Level <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/NSE_elepri">https://www.edb.gov.hk/NSE_elepri</a>	
English Language Resource Materials on National Security Education at the Secondary Level <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/NSE_elesec_1">https://www.edb.gov.hk/NSE_elesec_1</a>	
Primary Humanities – Learning and Teaching Resources (Related to National Education and National Security Education) (e.g. "Little Seedling Tells You" Series: famous world heritage of our country (related to cultural security), the latest green development of our country (related to resource security) (Chinese version only) <a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/ph/resource">https://www.edb.gov.hk/ph/resource</a>	
Learning and teaching resources on Citizenship and Social Development (Secondary Level) Significance of Safeguarding National Security (i.e. a Holistic Approach to National Security); the National Security Law and Promoting Long-Term Development of Hong Kong; and Striking the Balance between the Rule of Law and Human Rights <a href="https://cs.edb.edcity.hk/en/ppt_for_teachers_cs.php?filename=lt1_t1t11f3_1_e">https://cs.edb.edcity.hk/en/ppt_for_teachers_cs.php?filename=lt1_t1t11f3_1_e</a>	

## Picture Book on National Security Education "Our Country, Our Security"

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