

## EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 172/2024

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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### **Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge (2024/25)**

#### **Summary**

This circular memorandum aims to invite schools to take part in the “Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge (2024/25)” jointly organised by the Department of Justice (DoJ), the Security Bureau (SB), the Education Bureau (EDB) and Shine Tak Foundation.

#### **Background**

2. To enable national security education to continuously take root in schools and enhance students’ understanding of different fields and legislation of national security, including the Constitution, the Basic Law, the Hong Kong National Security Law and the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance, to raise their awareness of safeguarding national security, as well as to tie in with the National Day on 1 October and the National Security Education Day on 15 April, the DoJ, the SB, the EDB and Shine Tak Foundation will continue to jointly organise the “Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge (2024/25)” this school year to encourage the participation of students across the territory, create the atmosphere for safeguarding national security, and synergise efforts towards safeguarding national security.

#### **Details**

3. The “Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge (2024/25)” is divided into the primary section, secondary section and the English Category for non-Chinese speaking (NCS) secondary students. Participating students have to complete the Online Heat Round. Schools that obtain the highest score from the Online Heat Round will be invited to participate in the Onsite Team Competition to be held in November 2024 and 15 April 2025. At the same time, the primary and secondary schools with the highest participation rate in the Online Heat Round will receive “Active Participating School Award”. For the competition details, enrolment methods and awards, please refer to **Annex 1** (Online Heat Round) and **Annex 2** (Onsite Team Competition).

4. This year, a new English Category has been added for NCS students of secondary schools. For the competition details, enrolment methods and awards, please refer to **Annex 3** (English Category for NCS secondary students).

5. Student representatives of schools under the Primary Section and Secondary Section qualifying for the semi-final in the Onsite Team Competition (nine teams each) and student representatives of schools under the English Category for NCS secondary students entering the Team Competition Final (i.e. the final three teams) will be invited to participate in a Mainland national security education study tour (tentatively to be held within December 2024), and for sharing in an event of the “National Security Education Day” to be held in Hong Kong on 15 April 2025.

### **Enquiry**

6. For general enquiries, please contact the Moral, Civic and National Education Section of the Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau at 2892 5434 or 2892 5480. If you have any enquiries about the Hong Kong Education City accounts, please email to [info@edcity.hk](mailto:info@edcity.hk) (general enquiries) or [support@edcity.hk](mailto:support@edcity.hk) (technical enquiries) to contact the Hong Kong Education City.

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for Secretary for Education

cc: Heads of Sections – for information

## Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge (2024/25)

### Online Heat Round

### Competition Details

#### Sections

- Primary Section: Students from Primary 1 to 6
- Secondary Section: Students from Secondary 1 to 6



#### Number of participants



- There is no limit on the number of student participants from each school. All students are encouraged to participate. Each student can only attempt the online quiz competition once. Students found to have attempted more than once will be disqualified. There is no appeal mechanism in the competition.

#### Competition Format




- In the Online Heat Round, students have to answer 20 multiple-choice questions with a time limit of 5 minutes in total. Some of the questions are based on the content of the following websites, videos and learning resources. Schools are recommended to encourage students to read the relevant content before the competition:



#### **Primary Section**

Websites, Exhibitions, Videos and Learning Resources	QR Code
Virtual Exhibition of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Promulgation of the "Hong Kong National Security Law": Zone 9 – Comics and Animations on National Security  <a href="https://nslexhibition.hk/">https://nslexhibition.hk/</a>	
The National Security Exhibition Gallery (Located in the Hong Kong Museum of History)  <a href="https://www.nsed.gov.hk/exhibition_gallery_booking/index.php?l=en&amp;a=about">https://www.nsed.gov.hk/exhibition_gallery_booking/index.php?l=en&amp;a=about</a>	

(Schools are encouraged to register for the group tour docent service and students are also encouraged to visit the Gallery with their parents and guardians.)	
National Security Education Picture Book (Chinese version only)  <a href="https://www.nsed.gov.hk/event_2023/index.php?l=en&amp;a=picture_book">https://www.nsed.gov.hk/event_2023/index.php?l=en&amp;a=picture_book</a>	
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>	
《我們的國家，我們的安全》 picture book (Chinese Version only)  ISBN: 9789620449659	

### Secondary Section


Websites, Exhibitions, Videos and Learning Resources	QR Code
Virtual Exhibition of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Promulgation of the "Hong Kong National Security Law"  <a href="https://nslxhibition.hk/">https://nslxhibition.hk/</a>	
The National Security Exhibition Gallery (Located in the Hong Kong Museum of History)  <a href="https://www.nsed.gov.hk/exhibition_gallery_booking/index.php?l=en&amp;a=about">https://www.nsed.gov.hk/exhibition_gallery_booking/index.php?l=en&amp;a=about</a>  (Schools are encouraged to join the group tour docent service, or students may visit the Gallery with their parents)	
Pamphlet on Safeguarding National Security Ordinance  <a href="https://www.sb.gov.hk/eng/bl23/doc/Pamphlet_EN.pdf">https://www.sb.gov.hk/eng/bl23/doc/Pamphlet_EN.pdf</a>	




<p>A Holistic Approach to National Security Leaflet (Chinese Version only)</p> <p><a href="https://www.nsed.gov.hk/assets/pdf/a_holistic_approach_to_national_security_leaflets.pdf">https://www.nsed.gov.hk/assets/pdf/a_holistic_approach_to_national_security_leaflets.pdf</a></p>	
<p>The Symbols of our Nation and Hong Kong SAR: the National Flag, the National Anthem and the Regional Flag</p> <p><a href="https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_xeue6mgg">https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_xeue6mgg</a></p>	
<p>《我們的國家，我們的安全》 picture book (Chinese Version only) ISBN: 9789620449659</p>	

### Awards

- An electronic certificate will be awarded to each participating student.
- The top three students with the highest scores in the Online Heat Round will win the individual championship, first runner-up, and second runner-up in their respective sections and will be awarded with prizes and trophies etc. as encouragement. In case of a tie, the student having answered the questions within a shorter time will win.
- The 30 primary schools and 30 secondary schools with the highest participation rate (calculated based on the total number of participating students) in the Online Heat Round will receive “Active Participating School Award”.

### Programme Schedule and Enrolment Method

Date	Details
<p>From 16 September (Monday) to 25 September 2024 (Wednesday)</p> <p><b>Note: Please update the Hong Kong Education City student accounts for this academic year first (For details, please refer to the notes.)</b></p>	<p><u>Entry:</u> Schools should log into the website of the Hong Kong Education City (<a href="https://www.edcity.hk/r/national-securityreg">https://www.edcity.hk/r/national-securityreg</a>) with their principal, teacher or school administrator accounts in the specified period, follow the instructions thereon and submit a completed entry form (Chinese version only).</p>  <p>If schools fail to complete the enrolment procedures before the deadline, even if their students had logged in to participate in the Online Hear Round, their results will be deemed invalid.</p>

<p>From 30 September (Monday) 8:00 a.m. to 8 October 2024 (Tuesday) 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Students from participating schools must enter the competition by clicking the link below to log in with their Hong Kong Education City student accounts during this period.</p> <p><b>Web Links for the Online Heat Round</b></p> <p><u>Primary Section</u> <a href="http://www.edcity.hk/national-security/pri">www.edcity.hk/national-security/pri</a></p> <p><u>Secondary Section</u> <a href="http://www.edcity.hk/national-security/sec">www.edcity.hk/national-security/sec</a></p>  
<p>Late October 2024</p>	<p><b>Announcement of the list of schools invited to participate in the Onsite Team Competition and the result of “Active Participating School Award”</b></p> <p>The list of schools invited to participate in the Onsite Team Competition and the result of “Active Participating School Award” will be announced under “What’s New” on the EDB’s National Education One-stop Portal (<a href="http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp">www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp</a>). Schools that advance to the Onsite Team Competition will be notified of the details by post.</p> 

**Points to Note**

Schools should update their students’ accounts with the Hong Kong Education City 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. For details, please contact the teacher in charge or the Information Technology Co-ordinator of the school. For further assistance, please contact the Hong Kong Education City.

The information submitted by schools in the “Entry Form” will be used for the “Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge (2024/25)”. 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.

**Territory-wide Inter-school  
National Security Knowledge Challenge (2024/25)**

**Onsite Team Competition**

**Competition Details**

**Sections**

- Primary Section: Students from Primary 1 to 6
- Secondary Section: Students from Secondary 1 to 6

**Eligibility**

- During the Online Heat Round, the score of each school is the average number of questions scored by the five students of that school having correctly answered most questions.
- In case of a tie, the total time used in answering the questions by the abovementioned five students will be compared in deciding the ranking. Schools with a shorter average time used in answering the questions will be ranked higher.
- The 27 primary schools and 27 secondary schools with the highest scores will be invited to form teams to participate in the Onsite Team Competition of the primary and secondary sections respectively.
- Each school must send a team of five students to participate in the Onsite Team Competition.

**Competition Format and Awards**

- All school representatives invited to participate in the Onsite Team Competition will receive certificates and souvenirs.
- Schools participating in the Onsite Team Competition will compete in knockout rounds (including the quarter-final, the semi-final, and the final). The ranking will be determined through the onsite question and answer session.
- The champion, first runner-up and second runner-up in the Onsite Team Competition will receive prizes, trophies and so on as encouragement.

## **Programme Schedule**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Details</b>
From 5 November (Tuesday) to 8 November 2024 (Friday)	Team Competition (Quarter-final and Semi-final)
15 April 2025 (Tuesday) (The exact time and details will be announced in due course)	Team Competition Final and Award Ceremony

## **Points to Note**

- Schools that have won the Online Heat Round and entered into the Onsite Team Competition will be notified of the details by post on the arrangements (including the competition time, venue and rules) and contact methods.
- If a school is unable to send student representatives to attend the Onsite Team Competition, it will be replaced by another school according to the ranking in the Online Heat Round.
- The Organising Committee has the final decision on the eligibility for the Onsite Team Competitions.
- The Organising Committee will arrange the TV station to film the process of the Onsite Team Competition and award ceremony, and arrangements will be made for the highlights of the competition to be broadcast on TV and government websites. Photos and videos related to the competition may also be published on the Government's social media platforms, newspapers or promotional materials. The participation of schools and students in the Onsite Team Competition would be taken as consents from that schools, students and their parents to the above arrangements.



**Territory-wide Inter-school  
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**English Category for non-Chinese speaking secondary students**

**Competition Details**

**Target participants**

- Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) students from Secondary 1 to 6

**Competition Format**

- Schools participating in the Team Competition will compete in knockout rounds (including the quarter-finals, the semi-finals, and the final).
- Some of the questions are based on the content of the following websites, videos and learning resources. Schools are recommended to encourage students to read the relevant content before the competition:

Websites, Videos and Learning Resources	QR Code
Virtual Exhibition of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Promulgation of the "Hong Kong National Security Law": Zone 9 – Comics and Animations on National Security  <a href="https://nslexhibition.hk/">https://nslexhibition.hk/</a>	
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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>	
Picture Book: Love Hong Kong, Love China  ISBN: 9789620451454	

## Awards

- All participating students will receive certificates and souvenirs.
- The champion, first runner-up and second runner-up in the Team Competition will receive prizes and/or trophies.

## Programme Schedule

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Details</b>
From 5 November (Tuesday) to 8 November 2024 (Friday)	Team Competition (Quarter-finals and Semi-finals)
15 April 2025 (Tuesday) (Exact time and other details will be announced in due course)	Team Competition Final and Prize Presentation Ceremony

## Enrolment Method

- Interested schools should submit completed application form in **Annex 3A** by email (mcne3@edb.gov.hk) to the Moral, Civic and National Education Section 3 of the Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau **on or before 25 September 2024 (Wednesday)**. Applications will be processed on a **first-come-first-serve basis**.
- 12 schools successfully enrolled in the English Category for NCS secondary students will be invited to participate in the Team Competition. There will not be any Online Heat Round for the English Category.
- Each school must send a team of five NCS students to participate in the Team Competition.
- Schools successfully enrolled for the English Category will be notified of the details (including the competition time, venue, rules and contact methods) of the Team Competition by post.

## Points to Note

- The Organising Committee has the final decision on the eligibility for schools to participate in the Team Competitions.

- The Organising Committee will arrange filming of the process of the Team Competition and award ceremony, and arrangements will be made for the highlights of the competition to be broadcast on TV and government websites. Photos and videos related to the competition may also be published on the Government's social media platforms, newspapers or promotional materials. The participation of schools and students in the Team Competition means that schools, students and their parents agree to the above arrangements.

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**English Category for non-Chinese speaking secondary students**

**Application Form**

(Please return to Moral, Civic and National Education Section of the Curriculum Development Institute by email **on or before 25 September 2024 (Wednesday)**)

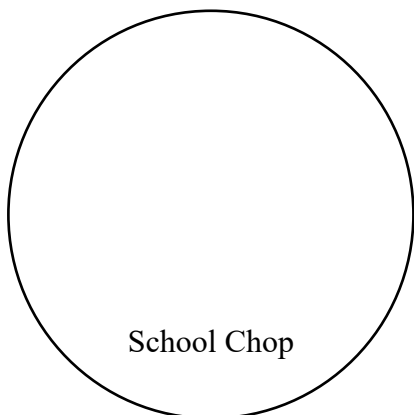
To: MCNE Section 3 of the CDI

Email: [mcne3@edb.gov.hk](mailto:mcne3@edb.gov.hk)

Name of Teacher-in-charge: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number of Teacher-in-charge: \_\_\_\_\_

Email of Teacher-in-charge: \_\_\_\_\_



Signature of Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number of  
Principal Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_