

## EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 221/2024

From : Secretary for Education  
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Date : 28 October 2024

To: Heads of all Primary Government Schools,  
Aided Schools (including Special Schools),  
Caput Schools and Schools under the Direct  
Subsidy Scheme – for action

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### **Onsite Enrichment Seminars on National Security Education (Primary Schools)**

#### **Summary**

This circular memorandum aims to invite primary schools which implement the local curriculum to join the Onsite Enrichment Seminars on National Security Education (Primary Schools) (hereinafter referred to as “the Seminar”) to deepen the professional knowledge of national security education (NSE) for principals and teachers, and to continue optimising learning and teaching.

#### **Background**

2. NSE is an integral component of national education. Therefore, we should strive to nurture in students a sense of belonging to our country, an affection for nationhood, a sense of national identity, as well as an awareness of and a sense of responsibility for safeguarding national security. The Education Bureau (EDB) has been supporting schools in implementing NSE through approaches of “organic integration”, “natural connection”, “diversified strategies”, “mutual co-ordination”, “learning within and beyond the classroom”, and “whole-school participation”. This enables students to progressively learn about the content of the holistic approach to national security through various stages of learning, understand the importance of safeguarding national security and respecting the rule of law, and enhance their sense of national identity and patriotism.

3. In the 2021/22 to 2022/23 school years, the EDB organised the “Onsite Teacher Workshop on National Security Education” for all primary and secondary schools implementing the local curriculum in Hong Kong. All primary and secondary school teachers (including principals) were given the opportunity to participate in professional training on NSE to master strategies, such as learning within and beyond the classroom and whole-school participation, for implementing NSE and cultivating students' awareness of safeguarding national security of their own accord.

#### **Details**

4. To deepen NSE, the Patriotic Education Centre commissioned by the EDB will provide the Seminar for **primary schools** implementing the local curriculum in the 2024/25 school year. This helps participating teachers gain a deeper understanding of the holistic approach to national security and to implement NSE in different key learning areas / subjects and organically integrate different learning experiences within and beyond the classroom through explanation and examples of the major fields of national

security to enable them to incorporate patriotic education, NSE and so on into daily teaching. The EDB will also introduce the latest learning and teaching resources. The Seminar is an enhancement programme for schools. Enrolment will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to schools enrolled in clusters. The Seminar will be held in the afternoon for about **two hours and thirty minutes** on school campus.

### **Enrolment**

5. Schools can consider arranging the Seminar as an activity for teacher professional development days in the school year. Schools can enrol in the Seminar with other schools in any combination. **Schools that have successfully applied must provide a suitable venue for the Seminar.** We also recommend that all teachers (including the Principal) of the school participate in the Seminar.

6. Schools interested in registering for the Seminar should complete the online application procedure set out in the **Annex on or before 8 November 2024 (Friday)**. The Seminar will be held from November 2024 to April 2025. The EDB will notify schools of the application results as soon as possible and follow up with the schools on related matters.

### **Enquiry**

7. For enquiries, please contact the Moral, Civic and National Education Section of the Curriculum Development Institute, EDB at 2892 5434 or 2892 5480, or by email to [mcne3@edb.gov.hk](mailto:mcne3@edb.gov.hk).

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c.c. Heads of Sections – for information

## Onsite Enrichment Seminars on National Security Education (Primary Schools)

### Online Registration Procedure

Schools should complete the online registration (in Chinese version only) via the URL or the QR code in the following table **on or before 8 November 2024 (Friday)**.

URL	QR code
<a href="https://forms.gle/RmqhWoeHa464BdmW9">https://forms.gle/RmqhWoeHa464BdmW9</a>	