

EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 207/2025

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

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National Security Education Day: Territory-wide Inter-school Drone Show Design Competition

Summary

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to invite schools to participate in the “National Security Education Day: Territory-wide Inter-school Drone Show Design Competition” organised by the Education Bureau (EDB), with Bauhinia Culture Group as the supporting organisation. The competition aims to help students understand the importance of national security and enhance their awareness of it through creative composition design.

Background

2. The highest principle of the policy of “one country, two systems” is to safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interest. The EDB continues to adopt a multi-pronged and co-ordinated approach to integrate national security education and patriotic education into school education, and organise diversified life-wide learning activities. To further deepen students’ understanding of national security and nurture them into a new generation who love our country, Hong Kong and the community, the EDB has launched the “National Security Education Day: Territory-wide Inter-school Drone Show Design Competition”. The Competition aims to foster a strong atmosphere of “Safeguarding national security is the common responsibility of all people” across schools and society, thereby promoting students’ and public’s understanding of, and support for the importance of national identity.

Details

3. All primary and secondary school students in Hong Kong are welcomed to participate in the Competition. Participating students have to design and draw a composition for a drone show on the theme of national security, and supplement a textual explanation of the design concept.

Modes of Participation	:	Students may choose to compete individually or as a team
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Awards for Students	:	Both the secondary and primary sections will each have Champion, First Runner-up, Second Runner-up, and Merit awards
Awards for Schools	:	Both the secondary and primary sections will each have the “18 Districts Active Participating School Award” and the “Most Active Participating School Award”
Deadline for Submission	:	The deadline for application submission is <u>9 February 2026 (Monday)</u>
Method of Participation	:	Schools have to send the entry form and entries to mcne3@edb.gov.hk by the deadline
Guidelines to Participants	:	Please refer to the Appendix for details of the Competition and the application

Outstanding entries will have the opportunity to be showcased in a drone show, allowing the public to have a deeper understanding of the importance of safeguarding national security.

Enquiries

4. 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 6182, or by email at mcne3@edb.gov.hk.

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for Secretary for Education

cc: Heads of Sections – for information

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Objectives

The competition aims to enable students to unleash their creativity by designing compositions for drone show, while raising the awareness of national security and cultivating a sense of nationhood and patriotic sentiment.

Sections

- Primary Section: Primary 3-6 students
- Secondary Section: Secondary 1-6 students

Rules and Regulations

- Students may choose to participate in the Competition individually or as a team (comprising no more than five students).
- Each participating individual or team shall submit one entry only. Students are not allowed to take part in the Competition as an individual participant and as a team participant simultaneously.
- Schools are invited to encourage all students to actively participate in the Competition. Upon collecting students' work, schools should conduct initial screening. Each school could recommend a maximum of three entries from all participating entries for competing for the awards.
- Schools can arrange this activity in class under teacher's guidance.
- The list of all participating students submitted by schools to the EDB will be counted towards the "18 Districts Active Participating School Award" and "Most Active Participating School Award".
- All entries must be submitted through the school in one go.

Requirements on Entries

Theme and Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Importance of national security• Concepts of national security and/or the major fields of national security, and the connections between these concepts and daily lives
Title and Explanation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The entries shall include a main title in Chinese• Participants should briefly explain their design in 30-100 words in Chinese
Form of Images	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The required number of drones for the image should be specified• A dark background of the graphic design should be used• If text is included in the design, its area must not exceed one fourth of the layout
Resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resolution should be sufficient for a clear display of all elements of the design

Type of File	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JPEG or PDF, with file size not exceeding 20MB
Method of Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Images are to be presented in an inspiring and innovative way • All means, such as hand-drawn images, digital drawing and mixed media, are acceptable in the production of the design, which must be saved as electronic files
Storage and Authorisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entries should be stored online for EDB personnel to download • Please provide the links in the Entry Details • If the entry cannot be viewed or downloaded due to technical problems, it will be disqualified

- Participating students may make reference to various types of materials and discuss with their teachers in designing their entries, but they must not commit plagiarism. Participating students must use their own creativity to complete their works. All submitted entries must be students' original creations. Others' works or ideas (including content generated by AI software) should only be used for reference and must not be copied or plagiarised as one's own work.
- If necessary, participating students may refer to the original ideas, viewpoints, drawings, painting and photographic work of others, and products generated by artificial intelligence. However, they must clearly cite the materials as reference in the submitted entries (see "Details" under "Submission of Entries" below), with proper attribution to the sources. The participants need to respect the intellectual property of others. Otherwise, their entries shall be disqualified. If the national flag, national emblem, regional flag and regional emblem are included in the entries, they shall fully comply with the specifications (including but not limited to standard sizes, shapes and colours) set out in the website below:

<https://www.protocol.gov.hk/en/flags-emblems-anthem.html>

Entries not meeting the specifications will not be scored.

- All entries must never have been released publicly or used in other competitions. They must not infringe copyrights or interests of any other parties. Participating students will be held responsible for any disputes arising therefrom and may be disqualified. The EDB reserves the right to request the participating students to produce written proof of legal authorisation or relevant documents if necessary.
- Participating students and their schools must ensure that the contents of their entries do not infringe any copyrights or publication rights. The EDB will not bear any legal responsibility arising from copyright infringement. For details, please visit the Intellectual Property Department website:
www.ipd.gov.hk/en/home/index.html

Submission of Entries

- Please fill in the "Territory-wide Inter-school Drone Show Design Competition Entry Form" (the "Form") and "Entry Details" ("Details") (Chinese version only), which can be downloaded from the following webpage:
www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/moral-civic/nse/circulars.html
- The electronic files of the Form and Details should be named as "(School Name) _Form" and "(School Name) _Details" (e.g. "XX Primary School Form" and "XX Primary School Details").



- The electronic file of the image should be named as “(School name) _ (Student’s Form) _ (Student/Team Leader Name) _ (Drone Show Design Title)” (e.g. “XX Primary School _P5_XXX_ Drone Show Design Title”).
- **Schools should send the completed Form together with the Details to mcne3@edb.gov.hk on or before 9 February 2026 (Monday)** (please mark “Territory-wide Inter-school Drone Show Design Competition (School Name)” as the subject of the email, e.g. “Territory-wide Inter-school Drone Show Design Competition XX Primary School”).

Adjudication

- Entries will be shortlisted by the EDB, after which the adjudication panel will select the winning entries.
- Judging criteria: Entries will be assessed holistically based on relevance to the theme, creativity and innovative ideas, aesthetic expression in visual arts, technical feasibility, and effectiveness in conveying the message.

Awards

- Student awards: Both the secondary and primary sections have Champion, First Runner-up, Second runner-up, and Merit awards
- School awards for both the primary section and the secondary section:
 - The top school with the highest student participation rate from each district will be awarded the “18 Districts Active Participating School Award”.
 - The top five schools with the highest student participation rates in Hong Kong will be awarded the “Most Active Participating School Award”.
- Each participating student will receive an electronic certificate of commendation issued by the EDB and the SB as an encouragement.
- Students winning the Champion, First Runner-up, Second Runner-up, and Merit awards will be presented with trophies, certificates and prizes; each winning school will be awarded a trophy.
- Outstanding entries may be forwarded to other departments for arrangement or enhancement by professionals, and presented in a drone show.

Use of Competition Entries

- Regardless of the results, the EDB may use the entries (including school names) for education purpose and promotion of national security, such as publicity, display (including but not limited to uploading to the webpages or social media platforms), or other non-profit-making purposes. The EDB also has the right to edit, translate, adapt, use, copy and distribute, the entries, etc. without obtaining additional consent from or paying any fees to the participating students or their schools.
- After the competition, if participating schools intend to use the entries or award-winning works for other purposes, they must obtain prior consent from the participating students and their parents. The EDB will not be held liable for any legal consequences arising from the schools’ additional use of the competition entries.

Announcement of Results

The results of the competition will be announced under the “What’s New” section of the EDB’s “National Education One-Stop Portal” (www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp). Schools of the respective awardees will be notified.



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.
- After submitting the entry form, schools should notify the organiser if they need to amend any information. Once an entry is submitted, it cannot be modified or re-uploaded.
- Participating schools should keep the master copies of the drone show design until the end of this school year.
- The entry submission date and time will be determined by the timestamps recorded on the EDB’s server system.
- Participating schools should ensure that the information and content in their entries are in line with the aims and objectives of curriculum regulated by the EDB, without elements of obscenity, abuse, violence, defamation and endangerment to national security, etc., and do not violate the laws of the HKSAR. Otherwise, the entries will be disqualified.
- The EDB reserves the right to reject entries or disqualify participating students without any explanation.
- The participating students, their parents and schools shall agree that once an entry is submitted, the copyright belongs to the EDB.

Personal Information Collection Statement

- Participating students should provide the necessary personal data in the Form and ensure the accuracy and completeness of such information, and agree to authorise the EDB to release personal data (including their name, class and school name) for contact, announcement of results, and publicity purposes. All personal information collected will be destroyed once it is no longer required after the competition. If participating students fail to provide such personal data, the EDB may not accept their entries for the competition.
- For the above purposes, the name of participating students and their school names may be disclosed on the EDB website, other websites and/or to the media.
- Access via hyperlinks to websites other than that of the EDB implies that the users have left the EDB’s website. The EDB is not liable to or responsible for any security and data protection issues in this regard.