

EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 013/2026

From: Secretary for Education

To: Heads of All Government Secondary Schools, Aided Secondary Schools (including Special Schools), Caput Schools and Secondary Schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme

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「悅讀越讀」戶外閱讀挑戰日 “The READmarkables” Outdoor Reading Challenge Day

Summary

This circular memorandum invites all secondary schools (including special schools) to participate in the captioned activity.

Details

2. The captioned activity is organised by the Curriculum Development Institute of the Education Bureau (EDB) in collaboration with Ocean Park Hong Kong. It aims to raise students' awareness of environmental protection and nature conservation, cultivate in them the proper values of loving nature and respect for life, and deepen their understanding of the importance of ecological conservation to national and social development.

3. The activity is targeted at Secondary 1 to 3 students. With the theme of animal conservation, the activity integrates cross-curricular reading materials in Chinese and English. By applying reading strategies such as extracting key information, making comparisons, and drawing inferences, students can build cross-curricular knowledge and enhance their reading interests and abilities.

4. The activity will be held at Ocean Park Hong Kong on **5 March 2026 (Thursday)**. Each participating school is required to assign one teacher and nominate six students from Secondary 1 to 3 to participate to form a team. The assigned teacher will be responsible for direct communication with the EDB, and on the activity day, will lead the six students to visit various exhibits at Ocean Park Hong Kong. Through reading multimodal materials and conducting onsite observation, students will participate in a series of interactive learning activities to search for clues and accomplish “The Final Mission”.

5. All participating schools completing “The Final Mission” will be presented with certificates issued by the EDB. All participating students will receive a selection of exquisite

souvenirs specially designed by Ocean Park Hong Kong in recognition of their active participation.

6. To support students' preparation for the activity, reading materials related to conservation knowledge in Chinese and English will be provided. These materials will be presented in multimodal formats, including texts, images, and short videos, to cater to the reading interests and abilities of junior secondary students. An online lesson, conducted by professional staff of Ocean Park Hong Kong, will also be arranged before the activity to enhance students' conservation knowledge and prepare them for the activity. (For details, please refer to **Annex 1**.)

7. Schools interested in participating in the captioned activity should scan the QR code below and complete the online application form **on or before 27 January 2026 (Tuesday)**. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis until all places are filled.



Contact Person

8. For enquiries, please contact Ms Jackie LEE (Tel: 3698 3155) or Ms Joanne LEE (Tel: 3698 3156) of the Curriculum Resources Section, Curriculum Development Institute, EDB.

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Activity Details

Objectives

- To raise students' awareness of environmental protection and natural conservation, and to cultivate in them the proper values of loving nature and respect for life.
- To deepen students' understanding of the importance of ecological conservation to national and social development.
- To equip students with a range of reading strategies, build their cross-curricular knowledge, and enhance their reading interests and abilities.

Target Participants

Secondary 1 to 3 students

Important Notes

- Each school should assign one teacher and nominate six students from Secondary 1 to 3 to form a team.
- Each successfully enrolled school will receive one adult admission ticket and six student admission tickets. On the activity day, participating teachers and students should exit at MTR Ocean Park Station Exit A and proceed to the registration counter located at the open area near the Ocean Park Car Park (opposite the Hong Kong Police College). After registration, Ocean Park Hong Kong will distribute to each school: (i) Activity Brochures (ii) one Adult Admission Ticket and six Student Admission Tickets, and (iii) Caps.
- The EDB will notify schools of the registration time in due course. Teachers and students should arrive at the registration counter at the time specified to register and proceed to the designated exhibits to complete the tasks and activities.
- Students are required to wear their school PE uniform on the activity day to facilitate identification and reception by Ocean Park Hong Kong staff at the designated exhibits.
- As the event will take place outdoors, teachers and students are advised to bring reusable water bottles, rain gear and other necessary items.
- Students should bring their own environmentally friendly bags for collecting souvenirs.
- Teachers and students are advised to travel to Ocean Park Hong Kong by public transport. No parking spaces or school bus loading/unloading areas will be reserved or arranged on the activity day.
- Teachers should accompany their students throughout all activities to ensure their safety.
- Ocean Park Hong Kong will close at 7:00 p.m. on the activity day. Teachers and students may enjoy free time at Ocean Park Hong Kong after completing all designated activities

until closing time.

- The activity will be postponed or cancelled if:
 - (i) Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above, or Red/Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is issued and still in force 3 hours before the activity is scheduled to begin; or
 - (ii) the EDB has announced class suspension for secondary schools due to any special conditions.

Mode of Activity

- Each participating school will first attend an online lesson, followed by participation in “The READmarkables” activity at Ocean Park Hong Kong. On the activity day, students will visit various exhibits to participate in a series of learning activities to search for clues and complete the challenge tasks through reading multimodal materials and conducting onsite observation.
- Upon completing the tasks at the exhibits, all teams are required to return to the designated venue to complete “The Final Mission” and collect their certificates and souvenirs.

Important Dates

Date	Event	Participant
From now until 27 January 2026 (Tuesday)	Scan the QR code to register: 	Teacher-in-charge
On or before 30 January 2026 (Friday)	Announcement of application results	Teacher-in-charge
5 February 2026 (Thursday)	Online Lesson cum Briefing Session	Teacher-in-charge and six participating students
5 March 2026 (Thursday)	The Activity Day	Teacher-in-charge and six participating students

Application

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