

## **EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 130/2026**

From : Secretary for Education

To : Heads of all Primary, Secondary and  
Special Schools (excluding ESF Schools  
and International Schools)

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### **Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge (2026/27)**

#### **Summary**

This circular memorandum aims to invite schools to take part in the “Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge (2026/27)” jointly organised by the Department of Justice (DoJ), the Security Bureau (SB), the Education Bureau (EDB) and Shine Tak Foundation. 1 July 2027 will mark the 30th anniversary of Hong Kong’s return to the Motherland. The organisers encourage schools to participate actively to enhance students’ knowledge of national security, sense of nationhood and affection for and a sense of belonging to our country.

#### **Background**

2. To continue rooting national security education in schools and strengthen students’ understanding of different areas and laws related to national security, including the Constitution, the Basic Law, the Hong Kong National Security Law and the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance, in order to raise their awareness of safeguarding national security, the DoJ, the SB, the EDB and Shine Tak Foundation will continue to jointly organise the “Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge (2026/27)” (the Challenge) this school year to encourage the participation of students across the territory, create a good atmosphere for safeguarding national security, and synergise efforts towards safeguarding national security. The activity ties in with the National Day on 1 October and the National Security Education Day on 15 April annually.

#### **Details**

3. The Challenge is divided into the primary section, secondary section and the English Category for non-Chinese speaking secondary students. Participating students of the primary and secondary sections have to complete the Online Heat Round. Schools that obtain the highest score in the Online Heat Round will be invited to participate in the Onsite Team Competition to be held in November 2026 and may have the opportunity to advance to the final on 15 April 2027.

4. This year marks our country's release of the white paper titled "Hong Kong: Safeguarding China's National Security Under the Framework of One Country, Two Systems" and "Outline of the 15th Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development of the People's Republic of China", as well as the commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the victory of the Red Army's Long March. The questions of this year's Challenge will include the relevant content.

5. As for the competition details, enrolment method and awards of each section, please refer to the following Annexes:

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Primary and Secondary Sections                               | Online Heat Round       | <b>Annex 1</b> |
|                                                              | Onsite Team Competition | <b>Annex 2</b> |
| English Category for non-Chinese Speaking Secondary Students |                         | <b>Annex 3</b> |

6. Schools showing outstanding performance or active participation in the Online Heat Round may have the opportunity to be invited to join the "National Security Education Study Tour" for exchange and visits in the Mainland.

### **Enquiry**

7. For general enquiries, please contact the Moral, Civic and National Education Section of the Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau at 2892 6182 or 2892 6316. 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 (2026/27)

### 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**

| Website, Exhibition, Video and Learning Resource                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | QR Code                                                                               |
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| <p>“Outline of the 15th Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development of the People’s Republic of China” (Chinese version only)</p> <p><a href="https://www.ndrc.gov.cn/fggz/fzzlgh/gjzgh/202603/U020260317369114704096.pdf">https://www.ndrc.gov.cn/fggz/fzzlgh/gjzgh/202603/U020260317369114704096.pdf</a></p> |  |
| <p>White Paper titled “Hong Kong: Safeguarding China’s National Security Under the Framework of One Country, Two Systems”</p> <p><a href="http://english.scio.gov.cn/whitepapers/2026-02/10/content_118326409.html">http://english.scio.gov.cn/whitepapers/2026-02/10/content_118326409.html</a></p>                           |  |

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| <p>The 6th Anniversary of the Promulgation and Implementation of the Hong Kong National Security Law Online Exhibition</p> <p><a href="https://nslexhibition.hk/">https://nslexhibition.hk/</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |    |
| <p>The National Security Exhibition Gallery (Located in the Hong Kong Museum of History)</p> <p><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></p> <p>(Schools are encouraged to apply for the group tour docent service or invite parents to accompany students to visit the Gallery.)</p> |    |
| <p>National Security Education Picture Book (Chinese version only)</p> <p><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></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>National Security Animation and Comics “Andy and Security Bear”</p> <p><a href="https://www.sb.gov.hk/eng/nsSeries/introduction.html">https://www.sb.gov.hk/eng/nsSeries/introduction.html</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| <p>《我們的國家，我們的安全》 picture book (Chinese version only)</p> <p>ISBN: 9789620449659</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                       |

## Secondary Section

| Website, Exhibition, Video and Learning Resource                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | QR Code                                                                               |
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| <p>“Outline of the 15th Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development of the People’s Republic of China” (Chinese version only)</p> <p><a href="https://www.ndrc.gov.cn/fggz/fzzlgh/gjzgh/202603/U020260317369114704096.pdf">https://www.ndrc.gov.cn/fggz/fzzlgh/gjzgh/202603/U020260317369114704096.pdf</a></p> |  |
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| <p>Pamphlet on Safeguarding National Security Ordinance</p> <p><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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |    |
| <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_2.pdf">https://www.nsed.gov.hk/assets/pdf/a_holistic_approach_to_national_security_leaflets_2.pdf</a></p>                                                                                                                              |  |
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### **Awards**

- An electronic certificate will be awarded to each participating student of the Online Heat Round.
- The three students with the highest scores in each of the sections of the Online Heat Round will win the individual championship, first runner-up, and second runner-up and will be awarded with, for example, prizes and trophies 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 the “Active Participating School Award”.

### **Programme Schedule and Enrolment Method**

| <b>Date</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Detail</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <p>From 11 September 2026 (Friday) to 21 September 2026 (Monday)</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><b>Entry:</b><br/>Schools should log into the website of the Hong Kong Education City (<a href="https://game.hkedcity.net/national-security/reg">https://game.hkedcity.net/national-security/reg</a>) (Chinese version only) 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>After successful registration, all students in the school will be able to participate in this competition.</p>                           |
| <p>From 23 September 2026 (Wednesday) 8:00 a.m. to 7 October 2026 (Wednesday) 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 Link for the Online Heat Round</b><br/>(Chinese version only)<br/><a href="https://www.edcity.hk/national-security/">https://www.edcity.hk/national-security/</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>Late October 2026</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>Announcement of the list of schools invited to participate in the Onsite Team Competition and the result of the “Active Participating School Award”</b></p> <p>The list of schools invited to participate in the Onsite Team Competition and the result of the “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.</p>  |

### **Points to Note**

1. **Schools should update their students' Hong Kong Education City accounts for the current school year prior to the submission of an entry form,** and distribute the account information to students 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.
2. The information submitted by schools in the “Entry Form” will be used for the “Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge (2026/27)”. 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 (2026/27)**

**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-finals, semi-finals, and final). The ranking will be determined through the onsite question and answer session.
- The champion, first runner-up and second runner-up of the Onsite Team Competition will receive, for example, prizes and trophies as encouragement.



### **Programme Schedule**

| <b>Date</b>                                                                            | <b>Detail</b>                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| From 10 November 2026 (Tuesday) to 13 November 2026 (Friday)                           | Team Competition (Quarter-finals and Semi-finals)      |
| 15 April 2027 (Thursday) (The exact time and details will be announced in due course.) | Team Competition Final and Award Presentation 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 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 Competition.
- The Organising Committee will arrange a TV station to film the process of the Onsite Team Competition and the award presentation ceremony, and the highlights of the competition may be broadcasted on TV and government websites. Videos and photos of the competition may also be published on the Government's social media platforms, in newspapers or on promotional materials. The participation of schools and students in the Team Competition signifies that the schools, students and their parents agree to the relevant arrangements.

**Territory-wide Inter-school  
National Security Knowledge Challenge (2026/27)**

**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, semi-finals and 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.

| Website, Video and Learning Resource                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | QR Code                                                                               |
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| <p>Picture Book: Love Hong Kong, Love China</p> <p>ISBN: 9789620451454</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                       |

### **Awards**

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

### **Programme Schedule**

| <b>Date</b>                                                                              | <b>Detail</b>                                          |
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### **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 of the Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau **on or before 30 September 2026 (Wednesday)**. Applications will be processed on a **first-come, first-served 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 Competition.
- The Organising Committee will arrange a TV station to film the process of the Onsite Team Competition and the award presentation ceremony, and the highlights

of the competition may be broadcasted on TV and government websites. Videos and photos of the competition may also be published on the Government's social media platforms, in newspapers or on promotional materials. The participation of schools and students in the Team Competition signifies that the schools, students and their parents agree to the relevant 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 30 September 2026 (Wednesday)**]

To: MCNE Section of the CDI

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

Name of Teacher-in-charge:

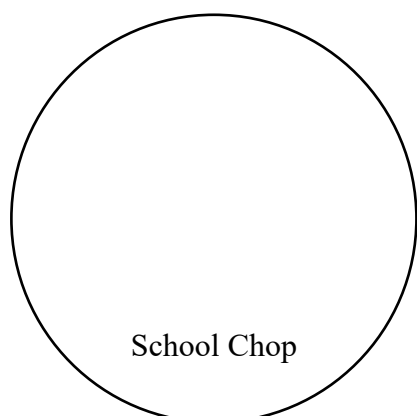
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Signature of Principal:

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Principal Office:

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