

EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 132/2026

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

National Security Education Day: Territory-wide Inter-school Drone Show Design Competition (2026/27)

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 (2026/27)” organised by the Education Bureau (EDB), with Bauhinia Culture Group as the supporting organisation.

Background

2. The highest principle of the policy of “one country, two systems” is to safeguard national sovereignty, security, and development interests. With security, the “one country, two systems” policy has been upheld and improved. Hong Kong sustains long-term prosperity and stability, fully manifests its vitality in development, and demonstrates its unique advantages of being supported by our country while closely connected to the world. The year 2027 marks the 30th anniversary of Hong Kong’s return to the Motherland. The EDB will organise richer life-wide learning activities to enhance students’ learning interest and support schools in incorporating national security education into learning and teaching.

3. Building on the last year’s fruitful results, the EDB continues to organise the “National Security Education Day: Territory-wide Inter-school Drone Show Design Competition (2026/27)” (Competition). Through designing drone flight formations, students can showcase Hong Kong’s achievements in safeguarding national security, thereby enhancing their understanding of the essence of the holistic approach to national security, strengthening their awareness of safeguarding national security, and promoting the message of “security brings prosperity”.

Details

4. All secondary, primary and special school students are welcomed to participate in the Competition. Participating students have to design and draw drone show formations under the theme of Hong Kong’s achievements in safeguarding national security, accompanied by a brief written description explaining their design ideas. Students may choose to participate in the Competition individually or as a team. For each section, Champion, First Runner-up, Second Runner-up, and Merit Awards will be presented.

Regarding school awards, there are “18 Districts Active Participating School Award” and “Most Active Participating School Award”. Outstanding entries will have the opportunity to be featured in a drone show, enabling the public to deeply realise the importance of safeguarding national security.

5. For details of the Competition and application procedures, please refer to the **Annex**. The deadline for submission is 18 January 2027 (Monday). Schools should email the completed “Entry Form” and “Entry details” to mcne3@edb.gov.hk on or before the deadline.

Enquiries

6. For enquiries, please contact the Moral, Civic and National Education Section 2 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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cc: Heads of Sections – for information

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Objectives

The Competition aims to enable students to design drone show formations for presenting Hong Kong's achievements in safeguarding national security as protection for its prosperity and stability. It also seeks to enhance students' understanding of the essence of the holistic approach to national security, strengthen their awareness of safeguarding national security, and promote the message of "security brings prosperity".

Sections

- Lower Primary Section: Primary 1-3 students
- Upper Primary Section: Primary 4-6 students
- Junior Secondary Section: Secondary 1-3 students
- Upper Secondary Section: Secondary 4-6 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 students to actively participate in the Competition. Upon collecting students' work, schools should conduct initial screening. Each school can recommend a maximum of three entries from all participating entries for competing for the awards.
- All entries must be submitted through the school in a single submission.

Requirements on Entries

Theme and Content	• Entries should showcase how Hong Kong's achievements in safeguarding national security have sustained its prosperity and stability and effectively ensured the well-being of its residents, as well as convey the message of "security brings prosperity". • The following excerpt is taken from the White Paper titled "Hong Kong: Safeguarding China's National Security Under the Framework of One Country, Two Systems". Students may design the drone show formations based on the content of this excerpt.
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	<i>“Maintaining national security in Hong Kong is to uphold the One Country, Two Systems policy, safeguard national sovereignty, security, and development interests, and ensure Hong Kong’s long-term prosperity and stability. Ultimately, it serves the interests of the nation, Hong Kong and its residents. Practice has proven that security is not an inhibition, but rather a safeguard and a booster. With security, the One Country, Two Systems policy has been upheld and improved, fully showcasing its vitality and strength. Hong Kong continues to develop in a more vibrant and dynamic way, effectively ensuring the wellbeing of its 7.5 million residents and the interests of international investors.”</i>
Title and Explanation	• The entries should include a title in Chinese or English. • Participating students should briefly explain their design ideas in 40-100 words in Chinese or English.
Form of Image	• 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. • The formation design should be a single static image; multi-frame sequential design will not be accepted.
Resolution	• Entries should have a sufficient resolution for a clear display of all elements of the design.
Type of File	• Submissions should be in JPEG or PDF format, with a file size not exceeding 20MB.
Method of Creation	• All means such as hand-drawn illustrations, digital drawings and mixed media (combining hand-drawn and digital techniques) are acceptable.
Storage and Authorisation	• Schools should upload the electronic files of the recommended entries to a cloud storage and grant permissions for viewing and downloading. • Please provide the following information in the designated fields of “Entry Details” (“Details”) ○ Cloud links; ○ Written descriptions. • If an entry cannot be viewed or downloaded due to technical problems, it will be disqualified.

- All entries must be original works that have not been publicly published or used to participate in any other competition of similar nature. Participating students and their schools must ensure that the contents of their entries do not infringe any copyrights, publication rights and other interests. For details, please visit the Intellectual Property Department website:
www.ipd.gov.hk/en/home/index.html



- If participating students refer to or draw inspiration from others' works or ideas, they should clearly indicate them and specify the sources in the designated field of the "Details"; otherwise, they will be disqualified from the competition.
- Any entry that infringes intellectual property rights will not be accepted. Participating students will be held responsible for any disputes arising therefrom. The EDB will not bear any legal responsibility arising from copyright infringement, and reserves the right to request the participating students to produce written proof of legal authorisation or relevant documents if necessary.
- 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, endangerment to national security, commercial promotion, etc., and do not violate the laws of the HKSAR. Otherwise, the entries will 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 that do not comply with the specifications will not be assessed.

- If an entry is intended to include a map of the People's Republic of China, it must use the standard map provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Central People's Government (<http://bzdt.ch.mnr.gov.cn/>) (Chinese version only) without any unauthorised alteration. Entries that do not comply with the specification will not be assessed.
- If Artificial Intelligence tools are used to assist in the production of an entry, students must ensure the originality and accuracy of the content and that no copyright and other intellectual property rights are infringed. Students must state the names of the tools used and describe the process involved (including but not limited to the prompts used). Where necessary, the EDB may require students to provide written proof of legitimate authorisation.



Submission of Entries

- Please fill in the "Entry Form" (the "Form") (Chinese version only) and "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 uploaded in a cloud storage, 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” and the “Details” to mcne3@edb.gov.hk on or before 18 January 2027 (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”).
- After submitting the “Form” and “Details”, schools should notify the EDB if they need to amend any information. Once a recommended entry is submitted, it cannot be modified or re-uploaded.
- The entry submission date and time will be determined by the timestamps recorded on the EDB’s server system.
- Before submitting the recommended entries, schools must obtain the consent of the student(s) concerned and their parent(s)/guardian(s) that, upon submission, the copyright will belong to the EDB. 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, publish and distribute the entries, etc. without obtaining additional consent from or paying any fees to the participating students or their schools.
- Participating schools should keep the master copies of the drone show design until the end of this school year.

Adjudication

- Entries recommended by schools 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 visual aesthetics, and execution feasibility.

Awards

- Student awards (including individual and team) and school awards will be established for each section: Lower Primary, Upper Primary, Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary.
- Student awards:
 - Champion, First Runner-up, Second runner-up, and Merit awards
- School awards:
 - 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”.
 - The EDB will use the list of participating students provided by schools in the “Details” as the basis of assessment for the school awards.

- Students winning the Champion, First Runner-up, Second Runner-up, and Merit awards will be presented with trophies and certificates; each winning school will be awarded a trophy.
- Each participating student will receive an electronic certificate of commendation.
- Outstanding entries will have the opportunity to be professionally arranged, and presented in the drone show on National Security Education Day on 15 April 2027.
- The Constitution and Basic Law Student Ambassadors who participate in this activity will receive 2 points, while award-winning ambassadors will receive 4 points. Upon completion of the competition, teacher coordinators could log in the online platform of the Constitution and Basic Law Student Ambassadors Training Scheme (<https://mcne.iclass.hk/teacher/event-table>) (Chinese version only), and award the bonus points to the student ambassadors under “Add Activity Record”.



Announcement of Results

- The results of the Competition and lists of awardees 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.



Others

- The EDB reserves the right to reject entries or disqualify participating students without any explanation.
- The EDB reserves the right to alter the awards without prior notice.
- The EDB reserves the right to modify, suspend or terminate the activity at any time. In the case of changes, announcements will be made on the EDB’s National Education One-stop Portal.
- After the completion of 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 schools’ further use of the entries.

Personal Information Collection Statement

- Participating students should provide the personal data required in the “Form” and “Details”, ensure the accuracy and completeness of such information, and agree to authorise the EDB to disclose personal data (including their name, class level and school name) for communication, announcement of results, and publicity purposes. All personal information collected will be destroyed once it is no longer required upon the conclusion of the competition. If a participating student fails to provide such personal data, the EDB may not accept his/her submission 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.

- By accessing websites other than that of the EDB via the links provided, the users have left the EDB website. The EDB assumes no responsibility for any security and data protection issues in this regard.