

## EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 167/2023

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**

#### **Summary**

This circular memorandum aims to invite schools to take part in the “Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge” jointly organised by the Department of Justice (DoJ), the Education Bureau (EDB), the Security Bureau (SB), and Hong Kong Shine Tak Foundation.

#### **Background**

2. To enable national security education to continuously take roots in schools, enhance students’ understanding of the Constitution, the Basic Law and the Hong Kong National Security Law and raise their awareness of safeguarding national security as well as tie in with the Constitution Day on 4 December and the National Security Education Day on 15 April, the DoJ, the EDB, the SB and Hong Kong Shine Tak Foundation jointly organise the “Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge” for the participation of students across the territory to create the atmosphere of safeguarding national security and synergise efforts towards safeguarding national security.

#### **Details and Enrolment**

3. The “Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge” is divided into the primary section and the secondary section. Participating students must complete the Online Heat Round, and students who qualify in the Heat Round will be invited to participate in onsite competitions (including the Team Competition and the Individual Competition). For details of the competition, enrolment methods and awards, please refer to **Annex 1** [Online Heat Round] and **Annex 2** [Team Competition and Individual Competition (Onsite Competition)].

## Enquiry

4. For enquiries about the “Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge”, please contact the following sections:

- General enquiries

	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Email</b>
Moral, Civic and National Education Section, Curriculum Development Institute, the EDB	2892 5434 or 2892 5480	mcne3@edb.gov.hk

- Enquiries about the Hong Kong Education City accounts

	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Email</b>
Hong Kong Education City	2624 1000	info@edcity.hk

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cc: Heads of Sections – for information

## Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge – Online Heat Round Activity Details


### -Sections

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

### Awards

- A certificate will be awarded to each participating student. The primary and secondary schools with the highest participation rate in the Online Heat Round (30 schools each) will receive “The Most Active Participation School Award”.

### Programme Schedule and Enrolment Method

Date	Details
<p style="text-align: center;">From 15 September (Friday) to 3 October 2023 (Tuesday)</p> <p>(Note: For technical support, please contact the Hong Kong Education City by phone on 2624 1000 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from Monday to Saturday.)</p>	<p><u>Entry:</u> Schools should log into the website of the Hong Kong Education City (<a href="http://www.edcity.hk/national-security/reg">www.edcity.hk/national-security/reg</a>) 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 style="text-align: right;"></p> <p>Schools that fail to complete the enrolment procedure before the deadline will not be eligible for the competition.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">From 6 October (Friday) to 16 October 2023 (Monday)</p>	<p>Participating students must enter the competition by logging into their Hong Kong Education City accounts.</p>

	<p><b>Web Links for the Online Heat Round</b></p> <p><u>Primary Section</u>  <a href="http://www.edcity.hk/national-security/pri">www.edcity.hk/national-security/pri</a></p> <p><u>Secondary Section</u>  <a href="http://www.edcity.hk/national-security/sec">www.edcity.hk/national-security/sec</a></p>  
<p>Early November 2023</p>	<p><b>Announcement of the List of Invited Participants in the Team Competition and the “The Most Active Participation School Award”</b></p> <p><b><u>The list of invited participants in the Team Competition and the “The Most Active Participation School Award”</u></b> 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 enter the Team Competition will be notified of the details by post.</p> 
<p>Mid-December 2023</p>	<p><b>Announcement of the List of Invited Participants in the Individual Competition</b></p> <p><b><u>The list of invited participants in the Individual Competition</u></b> 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 enter the Individual Competition will be notified of the details by post.</p> 

**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. No request for appeal will be entertained.

## Details

- Students are required to answer 20 questions (including short video response questions and quiz questions) within 10 minutes. Some of the questions are based on the content of the following websites, learning resources and two videos. Schools are recommended to encourage students to watch the videos and study the related content before the competition:



- ✧ Exhibition of the 3rd Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law  
(<https://nslexhibition.hk>)





- ✧ Picture Book on National Security Education  
“Our Country, Our Security” (Chinese version only)  
ISBN: 9789620449659

[Note: The parts related to safeguarding national security from the picture book have been displayed in the Exhibition of the 3rd Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law ([nslexhibition.hk](https://nslexhibition.hk))]

- ✧ Videos:

Primary Section	QR Code
Video 1: Let’s Learn about National Security (Audio Picture Book) (Duration: 7 minutes 20 seconds)  <a href="https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_vbukjhmX">https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_vbukjhmX</a>	
Video 2: “Our National Flag, National Anthem and Regional Flag” (an audio picture book) (Duration: 2 minutes 50 seconds)  <a href="https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_mh1zs4tu">https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_mh1zs4tu</a>	

Secondary Section	QR Code
<p>Video 1: National Security Begins at Home (Duration: 4 minutes 30 seconds)</p> <p><a href="https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_d3rvnt0t">https://emm.edcity.hk/media/1_d3rvnt0t</a></p>	
<p>Video 2 (Chinese version only): 國安法事件簿 2：國安法簡介 (Duration: 26 minutes 07 seconds)</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-YRiUCM988">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-YRiUCM988</a></p>	

### **Points to Note**

1. Schools should confirm that their students' accounts with the Hong Kong Education City have been renewed for the current school year prior to the submission of an entry form, and inform their students of the account information accordingly before the competition. Schools may work out the arrangement with their teachers in charge or information technology coordinators. If further assistance is required, schools may approach the Hong Kong Education City.
2. The information submitted by schools will be used for the "Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge". 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 –  
Team Competition and Individual Competition (Onsite Competition)  
Activity Details**

**Sections**

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

**Eligibility**

**Team Competition (Onsite Competition)**

- The score of each school is the average number by the five students with the highest number of questions correctly answered in the Online Heat Round.
- The 27 primary schools and 27 secondary schools with the highest scores will be invited to participate in the Team Competitions of the primary and secondary sections respectively.
- In case of a tie, the total time used in answering the questions by the five students with the highest number of correct answers will be compared in deciding the ranking. Schools with a shorter average time used in answering the questions will be ranked higher.
- Each school must send a team of five students to participate in the Team Competition.

**Individual Competition (Onsite Competition)**

- 10-15 students from different schools in the primary and secondary sections with the highest number of questions correctly answered in the Online Heat Round will be invited to participate in the Individual Competitions of the primary and secondary sections respectively. (Only one student from each school will be invited to participate.)
- In case of a tie, the total time used in answering the questions in the Online Heat Competition will be compared in deciding the ranking. Students with a shorter time used in answering the questions will be ranked higher.

## **Details and Awards**

- All students and school representatives invited to participate in the Team and Individual Competitions will receive certificates and souvenirs.
- Schools participating in the Team Competition will compete in knockout rounds, including the quarter-final, the semi-final and the final. The ranking will be determined through the onsite question and answer session. For the Individual Competition, students will only compete in the final round.
- The champion, first runner-up and second runner-up in the Team and Individual Competitions will receive awards such as book coupons and trophies as encouragement.

## **Programme Schedule**

### Team Competition (Onsite Competition)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>
From 22 November (Wednesday) to 24 November 2023 (Friday)	Team Competition (Quarter-final and Semi-final)
Late February 2024 (The actual date will be announced in due course)	Team Competition Final

### Individual Competition (Onsite Competition)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>
Late February 2024 (The actual date will be announced in due course)	Individual Competition Final



## **Points to Note**

- Schools that get qualification in the Online Heat Round for the Team and Individual Competitions (onsite) will be notified of the details by post on the arrangement (including the competition time, venue and rules) and contact methods.
- If a school/ student fails to attend the Team and Individual Competitions, the qualification for participating in the competitions will be taken by other schools/ students according to the ranking in the Online Heat Round.
- The Organising Committee has the final decision on the eligibility for the Team and Individual Competitions.
- The Organising Committee will arrange the TV station to film the process of the Team and Individual Competitions and award ceremony, and arrangements will be made for the highlights of the competitions to be broadcast on TV and government websites. Participation in the Team and Individual Competitions means that schools and students agree to the above arrangements.