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Dear Principal

Quality Education Fund
Extension of the Facilitating Measures for “My Pledge to Act” Funding Programme
& Enhanced “My Pledge to Act” Funding Programme

This letter aims to inform all the publicly-funded schools¹ and kindergartens joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme (scheme-KGs) of the details on the extension of the facilitating measures for “My Pledge to Act” (MPA) Funding Programme and Enhanced “My Pledge to Act” (EMPA) Funding Programme.

Background

2. Values education is an essential element of whole-person education. The Education Bureau (EDB) has all along been encouraging schools to take cultivation of positive values and attitudes as the direction, and make use of everyday life events to strengthen the coordination of learning activities and enhance the connection among various cross-curricular domains in values education, including civic education, Constitution education and Basic Law education, national education and education for sustainable development, etc. so as to provide students with all-round learning experience conducive to their whole-person development.

3. The EDB has implemented MPA Funding Programme through the Quality Education Fund (QEF) for 3 school years starting from the 2019/20 school year (s.y.). Publicly-funded schools and scheme-KGs may, during each round of application for respective school years, submit one application with funding sought of not exceeding \$200,000 for conducting diversified learning activities pertaining to the related theme of the relevant school years for around 12 months in order to create a learning environment conducive to cultivating positive values and attitudes. In other words, during the implementation period of MPA Funding Programme, each publicly-funded school and scheme-KG could submit at most three related applications in total. According to the prevailing mechanism, should a school not submit an application in individual school year, that application quota would not be retained for use in the

¹ Publicly-funded schools include government schools, aided schools (including special schools), caput schools, and schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme.

subsequent round of application.

4. To further support schools to promote national education, national security education, and media and information literacy education, the QEF implemented EMPA Funding Programme in mid-November 2021 for schools to apply for additional funding to conduct pertinent project activities for about 18-24 months. Publicly-funded schools may submit one application with funding sought of not exceeding \$300,000 for further strengthening measures to promote national education, national security education, and media and information literacy education. In view of the developmental stage and learning needs of children aged 3 to 6, scheme-KGs may submit one application with funding sought of not exceeding \$150,000 to step up measures to promote national education and national security education.

5. In view of the epidemic situation, the QEF introduced facilitating measures for MPA Funding Programme and EMPA Funding Programme in January 2022. Applications under MPA Funding Programme and EMPA Funding Programme are accepted throughout the year until 31 January 2024. Eligible schools could flexibly deploy the unused application quotas for MPA Funding Programme to submit applications to the QEF.

Details on the Extension of the Facilitating Measures

6. With the epidemic now coming to an end, schools could flexibly organise diversified learning activities. The QEF extends, under the facilitating measures, the implementation of MPA Funding Programme and EMPA Funding Programme until 2025/26 s.y. in order to provide more time for schools to formulate a comprehensive plan and optimise the use of the additional resources. The current application mechanism would remain unchanged.

7. Publicly-funded schools and scheme-KGs could, in accordance with their school-based circumstances, continue to deploy the unused application quotas for MPA Funding Programme before 31 August 2026. Schools are advised to take “Be Grateful and Treasure What We Have, Stay Positive and Optimistic” as the core direction, taking into account their school contexts, in their applications. Meanwhile, schools should avoid, when planning different projects under MPA Funding Programme, the overlap of project implementation period so as to alleviate the responsible staff’s workload.

8. Publicly-funded schools and scheme-KGs not having submitted applications for

EMPA Funding Programme could, having regard to actual circumstances, apply to the QEF in a timely manner for funding before 31 August 2026.

Enquiries

9. For enquiries, please contact the QEF Secretariat at 2921 8833. The details are also available on the QEF website (www.qef.org.hk).

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