

“A Decade of Hong Kong – Past and Beyond” Essay Competition

Purpose: To stimulate students’ creativity into full play and expand their horizon on literary works.

Theme: To express the most profound changes of Hong Kong in the past ten years, such as people, current issues or the environment.

Format: Participants can select their own topic, in either Chinese or English.

Categories: Secondary School (Chinese) and Secondary School (English)
Open (Chinese) and Open (English) – for participants 18 years old or above

Word Limit: Within 1000 words

Style: Prose / Story

Submission Dates: 3 May 2010 to 11 June 2010

Competition Eligibility and General Rules:

- Participants who enter the Secondary School Category must be full-time secondary students in Hong Kong.
- No limitation on the number of essays submitted by each participant.
- Submitted works must be original works of the participant himself/herself. Submitted works that involves plagiarism, have been previously published or issued (including online), have entered into other competitions or is a translation piece of work will NOT be accepted.
- Any submission that is published or issued (including online) before the result announcement of this competition will be disqualified.
- Participants can photocopy the application form.
- Submitted works will not be returned.
- Results of the competition are subjected to the decision of the judging panel. Participants cannot object to the decision.
- The organizer retains the right of NOT accepting entries with incomplete information.
- The copyright of all submitted works rests with HKEdCity once they are published.
- HKEdCity reserves the right to amend any of these rules of the competition.

Rules for Submission by Mail:

Please download the application form from our homepage, and mail the completed form together with your submission by 11 June 2010 to HKEdCity at the following address:

Room 416-418, 4th Floor, Area F, Block 3, Cyberport 3, 100 Cyberport Road, Hong Kong. (Please mark on the envelop “A Decade of Hong Kong – Past and Beyond” Essay Competition.)

- Submitted works must be written legibly in black ink at the back of the application form or printed out on white A4 paper.
- Chinese submission can be completed on 400-word Chinese manuscript paper.

Rules for Submission by Email:

- Please download the application form from our homepage, and email the completed form together with your work as email attachment by 11 June 2010 to HKEdCity at eworks@hkedcity.net (for Chinese submission) or ec@hkedcity.net (for English submission).
- For Chinese submission, whole-type punctuations are highly recommended.
- Chinese submission must be in Traditional Chinese fonts. Submission with other encodings (for example, Simplified Chinese) or with corrupted or incomprehensible coding will not be eligible to enter into the competition.

Rules for Submission by HKEdCity Online Platform (for Secondary School Category entries only):

- Please logon to the HKEdCity “eWorks” (「創作天地」) (for Chinese Submission) and/or “English Campus” (for English Submission) platforms to submit your works by 11 June 2010.
- Participants must use the “HKEdCity Student Account” created by their affiliated school (e.g. cyc-01025) to login for submission. Please contact the IT Coordinator of your school to obtain a “HKEdCity Student Account” login name and password if necessary.
- Chinese submission is to be done at the “eWorks” (「創作天地」) platform. For details please visit: <http://www.hkedcity.net/eworks>.
 - For Chinese submission, whole-type punctuations are highly recommended.
 - All text submission in Chinese must be in Traditional Chinese fonts. Some Chinese words may be garbled easily in computer programs, such as 睜、衝、著、麼、怎、點、濫. Please verify the correct writing and proofread before submitting your work.
 - Chinese submission must be in Traditional Chinese fonts. Submission with other encodings (for example, Simplified Chinese) or with corrupted or incomprehensible coding will not be eligible to enter into the competition.
- English submission is to be done at “English Campus” platform. For details, please visit:

<http://ec.hkedcity.net>

Judging Criteria:

1.	Theme and Content	40%
2.	Expression	40%
3.	Creativity and Connotation	20%

Awards and Prize:

- Each category will consist of one Champion, one 1st Runner-up, one 2nd Runner-up, and five Merit Awards.

- Secondary School Category:

Champion: A trophy and Lenovo IdeaPad S10-3t
1st Runner-up: A trophy and Lenovo IdeaPad S10-3
2nd Runner-up: A trophy and a \$1000 book voucher
Merit Awards: Each with a \$300 book voucher

- Open Category:

Champion: A trophy and a \$3,000 book voucher
1st Runner-up: A trophy and a \$2,000 book voucher
2nd Runner-up: A trophy and a \$1,000 book voucher
Merit Awards: Each with a \$300 book voucher

Judging Panel:

- Local educators

Submission Deadline:

- 11 June 2010. (Submission by mail will be determined by the date on the postmark.)

Announcement of Results:

- Results of the competition will be announced online in early July 2010. Winners will be contacted by mail and will be invited to receive their awards at the prize presentation ceremony. (Winners must attend the ceremony to collect their awards.)
- The prize presentation ceremony will be held on 17 July 2010 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Details will be announced shortly.

Enquiries:

- Please contact HKEdCity by phone at 2624 1000 or by email at info@hkedcity.net.

Declarations:

1. I understand and will adhere to the rules of the “A Decade of Hong Kong – Past and Beyond” Essay Competition.
2. I hereby declare that all information completed in my application form are accurate and true, as any false information entered may result in my loss of eligibility for this competition.
3. I hereby declare that my submitted works, whose copyright are owned by me, have never been published in any media, and I understand that once awarded a prize in this competition, the copyright of my submitted works will belong to the organiser of this competition.

Personal Information (Privacy) Rule:

1. All personal information provided by participants will only be used for the “A decade of Hong Kong – Past and Beyond” Essay Competition as well as other educational activities organised by HKEdCity.
2. Applicants have the right to request viewing or correct their personal information provided on the application form.
3. Please contact HKEdCity at 2624 1000 for any request to view or correct any submitted personal information.