

2nd October, 2006.

Dear Geography Colleague,

Re: Project Learning Competition on Liberal Studies and Geography

Our Association and the Hong Kong Institute of Education are going to organise a project learning competition in 2006-07. The event aims to stimulate students' interest in Geography and Liberal Studies, and develop their ability for conducting in-depth enquiry. Secondary schools are now invited to take part in this competition.

On behalf of the Organising Committee, I am looking forward to the pleasure of having your school participating in this competition. The deadline for sending the completed application form (page 3 of the enclosed) is 1st December, 2006 whereas students will submit their work on or before 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2007. The results will be announced in September. The prize giving ceremony for the winning teams is scheduled on the Hong Kong Geography Day in mid-November, 2007.

For details on the theme, process of application and work submission, application form and adjudication criteria, please refer to the enclosed set of documents. Looking forward to the positive reply from your school.

With best regards,



Dr. Becky P.Y. Loo  
Chair, HKGA

# Hong Kong Geographical Association – Hong Kong Institute of Education

## Secondary School Project Learning Competition (2006-07)

### **Aims**

The aims of this competition are three-fold:

1. develop students' ability to construct knowledge and generic learning skills.
2. encourage students to become intrinsically motivated and promote their ability to investigate and solve problems of an academic or practical nature; and
3. promote cooperative learning amongst students and help students broaden and deepen their knowledge of geographical and Liberal Studies related issues.

### **Scope of enquiry**

Competing groups can conduct an enquiry about a geographical or Liberal Studies issue learnt in their lessons. Preference will be given to those topics which are related to everyday life.

### **Eligible groups**

This competition is open to students in Form 1 to Form 4. They should form groups of five members each. Each school can send up to three group projects for this competition.

### **Application procedures**

The application form is enclosed herewith in this letter (also available at the HKGA website ([www.hkga.org](http://www.hkga.org))). Completed application forms should be sent back to the following address by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2006:

HKGA-HKIEd Secondary Project Learning Competition (2006-07),  
c/o Dr. Irene Cheng, Department of Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences and Technology,  
Hong Kong Institute of Education, 10 Lo Ping Road, Tai Po.

### **Submission of project report**

Project reports, printed on A4 paper (**not more than 30 pages**), should be sent to the above address in a folder together with all related information materials and a soft copy containing the file concerned. The deadline for submission is 31st May, 2007.

### **Adjudicator panel**

Dr. Catherine Chan Ka-ki, Principal Assistant Secretary, Education and Manpower Bureau.

Dr. Becky Loo Pui-ying, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, HKU & Chair of the Hong Kong Geographical Association

Professor John Lee Chi-kin, Dean of the Faculty of Education, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Professor Gregory Thomas, Head of the Department of Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences and Technology, Hong Kong Institute of Education.

Mr. Anthony Yeung Kam Chuen, Principal, Caritas Chan Chun Ha Field Studies Centre, Cheung Chau.

**Adjudication criteria**

1. Creativity and content – 35%
2. Enquiry method – 35%
3. Presentation – 20%
4. Originality – 10%

The decision of the adjudicator panel is final.

**Winners' List and Prize-giving**

Results will be published in the HKGA website [www.hkga.org](http://www.hkga.org) in late September 2007. Winning schools will be informed by mail. Prizes, to be given in the Hong Kong Geography Day in mid-November 2007, will be as follows:

Champion – \$1,500 book coupon, trophy and certificate

1st runners-up -- \$1,000 book coupon and certificate

2nd runners-up -- \$500 book coupon, and certificate

Prizes for three other teams with good performance -- \$200 book coupon and a certificate each

**Notes**

1. All project entries must NOT have been submitted to any other inter-school competitions before.
2. The copyright of the winning projects shall be held jointly by the schools concerned, Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIEd) and Hong Kong Geographical Association (HKGA).
3. The teams for the shortlisted will be invited to present their work after the prize-giving ceremony.
4. HKIEd and HKGA reserve the right to change the competition rules without prior notice.

**Enquiries**

Please contact the following in case there are queries:

Dr. Irene Cheng Nga Yee (HKIEd): [nycheng@ied.hku.hk](mailto:nycheng@ied.hku.hk) / 29487331 / fax: 29487726

Dr. Yeung Pui Ming (HKGA): [spmyeung@hkusua.hku.hk](mailto:spmyeung@hkusua.hku.hk) / 96748563

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School Entry Form

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher-in-charge: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's contacts: \_\_\_\_\_ (e-mail); \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (tel. no.)

Please complete the following table about the projects and students concerned.

Group	Students and class level(s)	Project title and outline
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Please send this form to Dr. Irene Cheng at the HKIEd (nycheng@ied.edu.hk) by 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2006 (Friday).