

EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 196/2017

From : Secretary for Education
Ref. : EDB/CDI/TE/08-25-04
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To : Supervisors/Heads of Primary Schools

Computational Thinking – Coding Education: Supplement to the Primary Curriculum

Summary

This circular memorandum informs supervisors/heads of primary schools that the “Computational Thinking – Coding Education: Supplement to the Primary Curriculum (Draft)” (Chinese version only) is uploaded onto the Education Bureau (EDB) website for use by schools.

Details

2. It is recommended in the Report on Promotion of STEM Education – Unleashing Potential in Innovation published in December 2016 that coding would be introduced to develop students’ computational thinking at the primary level. We hope schools could provide opportunities for students to acquire and apply skills of computational thinking and coding through participation in appropriately designed learning activities.

3. The EDB has completed the drafting of the captioned supplementary document for use by schools. It provides a consolidated description and a holistic picture to help schools systematically cover related topics in class. The supplementary document is now available for download at the EDB website (<http://www.edb.gov.hk>):

Home > Curriculum Development > Latest Curriculum Documents

4. The EDB suggests for schools to try out coding education taking into consideration their school-based situation. Professional development programmes will be organised to enhance teachers’ capability in implementing coding education while learning and teaching resources will be developed for teachers’ reference. The supplementary document will be further refined and enhanced taking into account the views of the school sector to be gathered at a later stage.

5. To facilitate schools to have a better understanding of the supplementary document and the possible strategies for implementing coding education with reference to their school context, a briefing session will be organised for school personnel with details as follows:

Date:	20 November 2017 (Monday)
Time:	2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Venue:	Lecture Theatre, 4/F, West Block Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong

6. Schools interested in nominating a teacher (one nominee for each school) to attend the briefing session are requested to complete and return the attached nomination form (Annex) by fax on or before 15 November 2017 (Wednesday). All nominations will be accepted unless otherwise notified.

Enquiry

7. For enquiries, please contact Mr Michael LUI on 3698 3129 or Mr Wilfred HO on 3698 3131 of the Technology Education Section, Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau.

Sheridan LEE
for Secretary for Education

c.c. Heads of Sections – for information

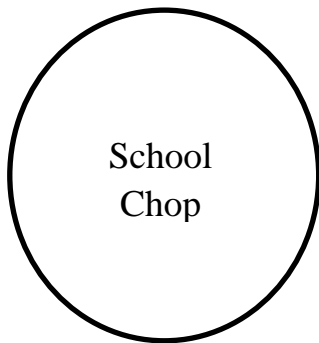
**Computational Thinking – Coding Education: Supplement to the Primary Curriculum
Briefing Session (20 November 2017)
Nomination Form
(Deadline for nomination: 15 November 2017)**

To: Technology Education Section
Curriculum Development Institute
Education Bureau
(Fax No.: 2768 8664)

We would like to nominate the following teacher to attend the captioned briefing session.

(Please complete in BLOCK LETTERS)

Name	Post	Contact Information
		Email Address: Telephone Number:



Signature of School Head: _____

Name of School Head: _____

School Name:

School Number (6 digits):

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Telephone Number: _____

Date: _____