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Liberal Studies IES Contest 2013

& the Fourth Liberal Studies Project Competition

Objective: To enhance Liberal students' understanding and knowledge of research methods and their awareness towards the global community.

Eligibility: Secondary 2 – 6 full-time school students in the academic year 2012-2013

Activities: Seminars, Workshops and IES Project Competition

Categories

(1) Junior Group (For Secondary 2 & 3):

This group allows junior form secondary students to get prepared for the Liberal Studies.

(2) Senior Group (For Secondary 4 – 6):

The nature of this competition is similar to the format of the HKDSE Liberal Studies Independent Enquiry Study (IES) project. This activity provides an invaluable opportunity to practice for the real assessment, Secondary 4 – 6 students are strongly encouraged to participate in this competition. To maximize the learning opportunity of different students, schools are allowed to send more than one team to the competition (while teams will get notified for the eligibility to the competition).

Awards

Both of the Junior and Senior Group will have the Champion, First & Second Runner up respectively. Outstanding performance award would be given to 3 different teams from each group regarding their efforts paid.

All participation teams will receive a certificate of completion issued by the Liberal Studies Service & Learning Network (LSSLN) of the Faculty of Education, the University of Hong Kong.

Project format

Each team will have to submit a research report on a topic we suggested or approved.

Students are expected to collect data from different sources, review relevant literature, analyse information and construct their own argument with supporting evidence.

Research topic

Participation teams should focus on **the issue of Hong Kong** and develop one topic from the themes provided below:

1. Cultural conflict
2. Infrastructure development
3. Identity of Hong Kong citizens
4. Consumerism
5. Others (Need **to be approved** by LSSLN)

Regulations

1. Each team should have 2 – 8 members. Each team should submit one written report.
2. Each school may have multiple teams participation. However if there are too many teams from one single school, LSSLN has the right to approve/reject some of the applications, or put the extra school under a separate school entity which allows more schools to participate.
3. Each team can choose either English or Chinese as their language for the project. There will be no language based awards.

Project Requirements

1. The project report should have a minimum of 3500 words for Chinese or 2500 words for English.
2. The project report has to be submitted in hard-copy and soft-copy.
    ✧ Hard-copy should be printed on an A4 paper, with single line spacing, page numbers and all pages secured tightly.
    ✧ Soft-copy should be submitted and it should be in Microsoft Word format. Participating teams will be disqualified if an electronic-copy is not submitted.
3. Please use APA Style when doing any citations and references on books, journals, magazines, newspaper articles, pictures or any other published works.
4. The topic must be original. LSSLN reserves the right to use the reports in occasions outside the competition.
5. Only the project title and candidate number (to be assigned by LSSLN) should appear on the cover of the report. Participants must not disclose the name of team members or school in the report.

Schedule of IES Contest 2013

Date	Junior Group	Senior Group
February 20, 2013	Application deadline	
February 27, 2013	Confirm the eligibility of applicants	
March 2, 2013	Launching Ceremony & first workshop	
	Workshop: Introduction to Liberal Studies	Workshop: Introduction to IES
April 27, 2013	Progress meeting & second workshop	
	Workshop: Research Methodology	Workshop: Research Methodology
July 13, 2013	Deadline of project report submission	
August 10, 2013 (To be confirmed)	Prize Presentation Ceremony	

1. If participants wished to amend or change the topic after confirmation made by the host, please submit the modified topics via email to lssln@hku.hk. The host will confirm the topic via email within two weeks. Each team has only one opportunity to do so.
2. Please submit the research report via postage to "Liberal Studies Service & Learning Network, Room 404, Runme Shaw Building, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong"
3. Application date and Submission date will be determined by postmark.

Assessment Criteria

1. Content: Understanding and Analysis of the topic with sufficient evidential support.
2. Creativity: Analysis demonstrates critical thinking skills
3. Structure: Evidences are presented in a logical and coherent manner to support opinions,
4. Research Method: Research methods are widely-ranged and effective.