

## 中華人民共和國香港特別行政區政府總部教育局 Education Bureau

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Legislative Council Panel on Education Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong [Attn: Ms Angel WONG]

Dear Ms WONG,

## The Period of the

"One-off Grant for the Promotion of Chinese History and Culture" and the "Non-recurrent Grant for Supporting Non-Chinese Speaking Students to Learn Chinese History and Culture"

We refer to the letter from Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan enclosed in your letter of 26 March 2020. Regarding Hon CHEUNG's proposal to extend the period of the two non-recurrent grants, namely the "One-off Grant for the Promotion of Chinese History and Culture" and the "Non-recurrent Grant for Supporting Non-Chinese Speaking Students to Learn Chinese History and Culture", our reply is as follows:

We would like to thank Hon CHEUNG for his concern over schools' use of the two grants mentioned above. Schools have also indicated to us that, due to the coronavirus outbreak and class suspension, learning activities (including those related to Chinese history and Chinese culture) originally scheduled for this school year have been cancelled. As a result, schools are unable to use the unspent balance of the two grants within this school year.

Taking into consideration the very special circumstances arising from the severe pandemic, the EDB has decided to extend the period in which the said grants may be used by schools to arrange learning activities for one year as a special arrangement for schools, from the end of August 2020 to the end of the 2020/21 school year (i.e. end of August 2021). This special arrangement will enable schools to continue to make use of the unspent balance of the grants in the next school year (2020/21 school year) to promote the learning of Chinese history and Chinese culture. The EDB will inform schools of the arrangement for the extension of the grant period at a later stage.

We would appreciate it if you could inform Members of the Panel on Education of the above special arrangement. For further enquiries, please contact Ms Edith Y C TSE of the Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau, on 2892 5803.

Yours sincerely,

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