



4th October 2024

To whom it may concern,

Invitation for Participating in News Commentary Competition (English Section)

Launched in 1992, more than 40,000 secondary students took part in Students' Top Ten News Election every year. Apart from the election, we also organize News Commentary Competition to enhance students' media literacy skills, including recognizing bias and analyzing the news from a critical perspective. Entries are now open for the News Commentary Competition. Details are as follows:

Theme	Comment on a local, regional or international issue in 2024
Category	Junior form(F.1-3 or equivalent grades); Senior form(F.4-6 or equivalent grades)
Language	English
Word Limit	Junior form 300 - 1,000 words; Senior form 500 - 1,500 words
Submission Format	Entries should be <u>typed on A4 paper</u> , with the indication of the title, word count and page number. <i>** Selected entrants may be required to provide a soft copy of their entries. **</i>
Submission Method	Each entry should be submitted together with the Application Form and the Questionnaire to Hok Yau Club, 12/F Cheung Lee Commercial Building, 141 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon.
Deadline	18 October 2024 (Postmark date will be taken)
Award	For each category: Champion \$800 book coupons and Certificate of Commendation 1 st runner-up \$600 book coupons and Certificate of Commendation 2 nd runner-up \$400 book coupons and Certificate of Commendation 3 rd runner-up \$250 book coupons and Certificate of Commendation
Rules	1. Entries must be original work by participants. Proven plagiarism will lead to disqualification. Entrants will bear all legal liabilities and be responsible for any litigations and compensations arising from the breach of law and regulations. 2. Hok Yau Club reserves the right to edit, alter, publish, or use any entries in any forms for exhibition and any educational purposes.
Enquiries	Telephone 2397 6116 / Email top10news@hyc.org.hk (Mr. Fong/ Miss Wong)

Yours faithfully,

Organizing Committee of Students' Top Ten News Election 2024

Encl.: Application Form and Record form



Students' Top Ten News Election

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Photocopy of the form is accepted
and it can be downloaded on the website

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News Commentary Competition (English Section) Application Form

Deadline: 18 October 2024

Name in English			
Category	Junior Form (F.1-3 or equivalent grades) / Senior Form (F.4-6 or equivalent grades) <i>(Please delete where appropriate)</i>		
Name of School			
Class		Contact no.	
Email			
What is the issue you want to address?			
<u>Personal Information Collection Statement</u>			
The above personal data is collected by Hok Yau Club only for event registration, issuing receipts or correspondence purposes. In addition, Hok Yau Club intends to use your personal data (including your name, telephone number, fax number, email and correspondence address) for future newsletters, fundraising, services and activities promotion or collecting opinions of the Club, etc.			
Please delete where appropriate (Compulsory; choose 1 only)			
I agree / do not agree Hok Yau Club to use my personal information for the above-mentioned direct marketing purposes. If you do not wish to receive future information from the Club, you may inform us at any time. For inquiries, please email info@hyc.org.hk.			
_____ Signature			
Name:			
Date:			
<u>News Literacy Opinion Survey</u>			
To enhance students' media literacy skills, including recognizing bias and analyzing the news from a critical perspective, the Students' Top Ten News Election also included a news commentary competition to foster good media literacy among students.			
After completing the news commentary competition, I have undertaken the following media literacy initiatives (multiple selections)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Read news from different media platforms <input type="checkbox"/> Fact check the sources			
<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate the reliability of news sources			
<input type="checkbox"/> Try to understand the topic of the submitted work from different perspectives			
<input type="checkbox"/> Analyze various information about the topic and try to express my opinion with sufficient reasons			
<input type="checkbox"/> Others: _____			

〈 Please turn to the next page to complete the Questionnaire 〉



Community Participation Scheme 2023-24 Participant Survey Questionnaire

Project: Students' Top Ten News Election 2024 (No.: 076)
Activity: News Commentary Competition
Organiser: Hok Yau Club
Contact No.: _____ Fax: _____
Date: September to October 2024 Venue: All secondary schools

(The above information to be filled by the organiser)

1. Do you know the theme of the activity?
 Yes, the theme is _____ No
2. Do you think the activity is rich in content?
 Very rich Quite rich Average Not so rich poor No opinion
3. Do you think the activity is interesting in its approach?
 Very interesting Quite interesting Average Quite boring
 Very boring No opinion
4. Is your participation in the activity useful for you to get a better understanding of the theme?
 Very useful Quite useful Not so useful Not useful at all No opinion
5. Do you find it a meaningful civic education activity?
 Very meaningful Quite meaningful Average Somewhat meaningful Not meaningful at all
 No opinion
6. Do you think this activity can help you understand more on the (i) core civic values including “Respect and Inclusiveness”, “Responsibility” and “Love”, and/or (ii) the “Basic Law” and “One Country, Two Systems”?
 Very helpful Quite helpful Somewhat helpful Not helpful at all No opinion
7. Do you find it an effective civic education activity?
 Very effective Quite effective Average Somewhat effective
 Not effective at all No opinion
8. Do you find it a creative activity?
 Very creative Quite creative Average Somewhat creative
 Not creative at all No opinion
9. Other opinions: _____

Personal Particulars

10. Occupation: Student Homemaker Employed Retired Others _____
11. Education level: Primary or below Secondary Tertiary or above
12. Age group: 0-14 15-29 30-44 45-59 60 or above



Students' Top Ten News Election 2024
News Commentary Competition (English Section)
Record Form

English Name of School			
English Name of Responsible Teacher			
Chinese Name of Responsible Teacher (if applicable)			
Contact phone no.		Fax no.	
Email			
Class	Junior Form (No. of Entries)	Senior Form (No. of Entries)	
Total			