

# Hong Kong Biology Literacy Award (2020/2021) (HKBLA)



In order to further promote the learning morals among ALL secondary school Biology students, the Hong Kong Association for Science and Mathematics Education (HKASME), together with Royal Society of Biology – HK Branch, The Education University of Hong Kong and The University of Hong Kong will organize the above captioned event. Students of your school are now strongly encouraged to participate. Details are described as follows:

<u>Aims</u>	(a) To stimulate students' active interest in Biology (b) To challenge and expand their talents; and (c) To enhance their scientific literacy; and (d) To widen their exposure in cutting-edge biological knowledge and innovation.
<u>Regulations and Eligibility</u>	(a) Each school may nominate at maximum 10 students (2 groups). (b) Students <b>MUST</b> be in S3 to S6 in the academic year 2020-2021. (c) Students <b>SHOULD</b> form a group with 3 to 5 students. (Students who fail to form group will <b>NOT</b> be eligible for taking part in the presentation contest regardless of their scores)
<u>Fee</u>	\$300 per group (Include administration, marking, analysis report and certificates)
<u>Academic Advisor</u>	Dr, YIP, Valerie Wing-yan (Division of Science, Mathematics and Computing, Faculty of Education, The University of Hong Kong)
<u>Application Deadline</u>	13 November 2020
This competition includes the (I) <b>Heat</b> and (II) <b>3-minute presentation contest cum Prize Presentation Ceremony</b> . <b>10 TEAMS</b> with <b>HIGHEST AVERAGE SCORES</b> in the Heat will enter the 3-minute presentation.	
(I) Details of the Heat:	
Date: Assessment: Format: Special requirement:	23 December 2020 (Wednesday) <b>Individual</b> 1-hour test with 60 multiple-choice questions The assessment will be conducted <b>ONLINE</b> . The assessment link will be delivered to candidates by invigilators via <b>ZOOM</b> platform. For fairness, there will be special arrangement as below: ● Option (1) if candidates are to sit the exam at venue outside school, i.e. <b>at home</b> , they are required to login in with two devices. One showing the faces of candidates; one showing the venue in which candidates are at. Each student need to register with 2 emails at Zoom before the date <b>30Nov 2020</b> .

	Scope:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Or option (2) if candidates are to sit the exam at <b>their own schools</b>, teachers may invigilate the assessment and no extra device is required.</li> <li>● <i>Practice session will be arranged in early December to familiarize candidates with the setting requirement and the flow of the assessment.</i></li> </ul> <p>Questions are set in 3 areas:          (1) Scientific inquiry; (2) Nature of science; (3) STEM Education; and          (4) Science, technology, social &amp; environment connection.</p> <p><i>Note 1: The areas covered are <b>NOT</b> limited to HKDSE Biology curriculum.</i></p> <p><i>Note 2: Students need to choose EITHER Chinese or English.</i></p>
	Awards:	<p>Individual: First, Second and Third Class Awards.</p> <p>Best School Awards (schools with the average scores of the students ranked in the top eight among all participating schools.)</p> <p><b>There will be NO Active Participation Awards this year.</b></p>
(II) Details of the 3-minute presentation contest:		
	Date:	30 January 2021 (Saturday)
	Format:	<p><b>10 TEAMS</b> with <b>HIGHEST AVERAGE SCORES</b> in the Heat.</p> <p><b>3-minute presentation &amp; 1.5-minute Q&amp;A session</b> after <b>30-minute preparation time</b>.</p> <p>The scoring will be based on:</p> <p>(1) Students' understanding of the selected topic (60%);          (2) Students' presentation and communication skills (20%); and          (3) Team spirit (20%)</p> <p>The presentation may be delivered in either Chinese or English.</p> <p><b>*The presentation contest may be delivered ONLINE upon further announcement.</b></p>
	Awards:	<p>For participating teams:</p> <p>1) Champion cup;          2) First, Second and Third runners-up and 2 merit awards;          3) Best Q&amp;A Response to two groups.</p> <p>For student audience, 2 Best Questioning Awards.</p>
(III) Enquiries		
	Enquiries	<p>For any enquiry, please contact Ms. Chu</p> <p>Tel.: 2333 0096, Fax: 2333 3355, Email: enquiry@hkasme.org .</p>
(IV) Submission of Entries		
	Submission of Entries and Payment (On School Basis)	<p>The information of Applicants should be submitted ONLINE via <a href="http://www.hkasme.org">www.hkasme.org</a>. (Please use CHROME BROWSER for online registration).</p> <p>Grateful if it is completed, returned together with a cheque of an appropriate amount, crossed and payable to "HKASME LTD", to us by 13 November 2020. (Room 114, 1/F, Po On Court, 1-15 Po On Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon.)</p>