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September 29, 2023

Dear Principal,

INVITATION The 16th English Radio Drama Competition for Schools

Would you like your students to write the play script of a radio programme, showcase their talents and perform a creative English Radio Drama LIVE in front of audience?

We are extremely proud to write to you and invite your school to participate in our 16th English Radio Drama Competition for Schools. Last year, over 500 teams participated in our Radio Drama Competition. We were overwhelmed by the positive responses from the participating schools. This year, we are extremely excited to inform you that the Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (SCOLAR) continues to sponsor our Radio Drama Competition, six years in a row! We also had to thank all the students that participated in last year's competition!



Through this competition, your students will experience the magic of sound and the creativity of their voices. Students can learn and enjoy the fun of script-writing and acting; they can also develop team spirit, improve English language skills and build their confidence in expressing themselves in English. It will certainly be a marvelous learning experience for them.

The participants will be divided into two levels, primary and secondary. The shortlisted teams from each level will be invited to showcase their talents and perform their English Radio Drama LIVE. **NO participation fee is needed in this competition**, thanks to the generous support from our sponsors, including SCOLAR, Educational Testing Service (ETS), EF English Centers, KEA Learning International Ltd, etc. **The final competition and prize-giving ceremony will tentatively be held in May 2024.**

If you are interested in joining our Radio Drama Competition, please complete the enclosed application form, then either fax or email it to us at your earliest convenience. For more details about this competition, please visit our website www.mysmartabc.com/drama. Should you have any other questions, please feel free to call us at 2851 3822 or email us at drama@mysmartabc.com. Look forward to hearing from you real soon.

Yours faithfully,

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The 16th English Radio Drama Competition for Schools

Participating teams can choose from the following themes for this year's radio drama competition:

1. Pass the Baton

As time marches on, certain things in our city inevitably fade away, while others withstand the trial of time, by relying on the passing of the baton from one generation to the next. This passing of the baton extends beyond merely tangible skills and knowledge, but also beliefs, spirit and wisdom, which in turn forms the countless stories woven into the fabrics of our city. How do you interpret the term "Pass the Baton"? Express your thoughts through-radio drama.

2. Artificial Intelligence

With the rapid advancement of modern technology, accompanied by the emergence of artificial intelligence, we find ourselves contemplating the relationship between humanity and technology. How can society effectively incorporate artificial intelligence? How can we maximize the advantages of AI? At the same time, the threat of the possibility of AI replacing human labour looms in the back of our minds. In this era of accelerated technological development, how should we navigate through this unknown? Share your perspectives in the form of radio drama.

3. Walking a Fine Line

In life, the smallest events can have the most significant impact. This event may seem inconsequential at the time, but may set off a series of events that change your life. For instance, you may decide to take the bus one day instead of the MTR, and end up meeting a stranger who becomes your best friend in life. Or, you decide to sign up for the school chess club just for fun, and end up being one of the best chess players in your school, going to chess tournaments and opening up new opportunities to explore. Looking back, what seemingly insignificant event changed your life? If you could, would you have done anything differently? Share your experiences in the form of radio drama.

Students will be inspired to practice and improve their English language learning skills, take pride in showcasing their talents in teams to create amazing radio drama programs! Smart Education Charitable Foundation has also established the Radio Drama Resources Center where students can get help on composing radio drama scripts, training voice and performing radio drama programs (please visit the following website for more details: <https://bit.ly/smartdrama>).

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Tentative Schedule	
January 12, 2024 (Fri)	Deadline of application
February 23, 2024 (Fri)	Phase 1- Script submission deadline * Please email your scripts to drama@mysmartabc.com or fax to 2851 8422
March 18, 2024 (Mon)	Phase 2 - Announcement of the 30 semifinalists (15 from each level) * The lists will be announced on www.mysmartabc.com/drama
April, 2024 (TBD)	Workshop on Script Writing and Voice Training for the semifinalists
April 24, 2024 (Wed)	Phase 2- Deadline of the radio drama submission * Submit a 5-minute radio drama in MP3 format with the script online * Please email your audio file to drama@mysmartabc.com
May 3, 2024 (Fri)	Announcement of the finalists * 5 teams from each division will perform their radio drama live for a panel of adjudicators and audience * The lists will be announced on www.mysmartabc.com/drama Phase 3- Vote for the most popular drama online (May 6 - May 17) * The radio dramas will be uploaded to the website allowing the public to vote for the "Most Popular Performance Award" till May 17, 2024 (Monday) at 12:00 noon at www.mysmartabc.com/drama
Late May, 2024 (TBD)	Final Competition and Prize Giving Ceremony

ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER:

Students attending full-time schools in Hong Kong are eligible to enter the competition. Students can form a team of no more than 5 members and submit a 5-minute play script of a radio drama program with the above theme. Teams will represent their schools, and each school can have more than one team to participate. Each team can only submit one entry for the competition. Teams entering the second phase of the competition will be asked to record their radio drama program in mp3 format and submit to us before the deadline.

Level	Grade
Primary School	P.1 to P.6
Secondary School	S.1 to S.6

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- Each team shall not submit more than one script.
- Each team must consist of no more than 5 students. Members of a team must be of the same level as listed.

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3. Any entries with obscene, violent, malicious or discriminatory elements or involving publicity of or advocating any persons or groups and illegal and unlawful act shall be disqualified.
4. Play scripts must be of original content, and materials taken from pre-existing scripts by writers who are not part of the team are prohibited. Entrants who fail to comply will be disqualified.
5. Entrants will be solely responsible for the content and any violations of copyright as a result of posting it.
6. Entries will not be returned to the contestants.
7. The organizer has the right to use, broadcast, share or re-use all entries of the competition.
8. Participation in the competition will constitute the participants' consent to the organizer's use of the participants' names, likeness, voices, opinions, photos, scripts, audio, video, performance and information for promotional purposes in any media, worldwide; or authorisation for other parties to use and edit the above materials for educational purposes or publicity, without further payment or notification.
9. The organizer shall own the intellectual property rights of all entries.
10. Extra certificates will not be given to any replacement members of a team.
11. The decision of the adjudicators regarding the competition results shall be final. Entrants shall have no right to raise objections. The organizer reserves the right to make final decisions on all aspects of the competition.

PRIZES FOR EACH LEVEL:

- Gold Award with HK\$2,000 Cash Coupon*
- Silver Award with HK\$1,500 Cash Coupon*
- Bronze Award with HK\$1,000 Cash Coupon*
- Merit Award*
- Best Performer Award*
- Most Popular Performance Award*



JUDGING CRITERIA:

Judging Criteria for Phase 1 (Play script for a 5-minute radio drama)			Judging Criteria for Phase 2 (5-minute radio drama in mp3 format)			Judging Criteria for Phase 3 (Live performance)	
Content	30%	➔	Content	40%	➔	Content	20%
Expressiveness	30%		Use of Articulation	20%		Use of Articulation	20%
Creativity	20%		Voice Projection	20%		Voice Projection	20%
Grammar	20%		Expressiveness	20%		Expressiveness	20%
						Teamwork & Cooperation	20%

Highlights from previous years' English Radio Drama Competition:

<http://www.MySmartABC.com/Drama>

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The 16th English Radio Drama Competition for Schools Application Form

(Please email this form to drama@mysmartabc.com or fax to +852 2851 8422)

Application Deadline: January 12, 2024

To: Smart Education Charitable Foundation

Our school will join the 16th English Radio Drama Competition for Schools, below is our contact information.

Contact Information

School: _____

Teacher-in-charge: _____

Title: _____

Contact number: School: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Team 1			
Level	* Primary	Secondary	
Entrant (Class) (e.g. Ho Tai Man (3B))	()	()	()
	()	()	()

Team 2			
Level	* Primary	Secondary	
Entrant (Class) (e.g. Ho Tai Man (3B))	()	()	()
	()	()	()

Team 3			
Level	* Primary	Secondary	
Entrant (Class) (e.g. Ho Tai Man (3B))	()	()	()
	()	()	()

* Delete if inapplicable

* If you have more than three participating teams, please make copies of the form.

Alternatively, teams can **register online** by completing the application form via the following QR code:



<https://forms.gle/p4ghSxiyubWVUKWz7>

Please contact us at 2851 3822 if you have any enquiries.

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