

September 1, 2024

Dear Principal,

INVITATION

The 17th 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 honoured to invite your school to participate in our 17th English Radio Drama Competition for Schools. Last year, over 500 teams participated in our Radio Drama Competition, and 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 for the seventh year in a row! We would also like 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 latest research paper on the effectiveness of radio drama competitions titled "Enrich Competencies for Sustainability through Radio Drama Competitions: A Multiyear Cross-sectional Study in Hong Kong" was published on Feb 13, 2024 on Vol. 13(1), 2024 of Journal of Curriculum and Teaching of Sciedu Press. The study aims to investigate how participation in radio drama competitions can foster collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills within the sustainable development framework proposed by UNESCO. In addition, Smart Education has also published an essay in 2022 titled "Radio Drama Competition as an Effective Tool to Boost the Motivation and Self-Confidence of Primary and Secondary School English Learners in Hong Kong" on Vol. 15(1), 2022 of English Language Teaching of Canadian Center of Science and Education, exploring the impact of radio drama competitions on enhancing students' motivation, self-confidence, and cooperation in language learning for primary and secondary school students in Hong Kong.

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), KEA Learning International Ltd, etc. **The final competition and prize-giving ceremony will tentatively be held in May 2025.**

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Themes and Topics

To provide students with greater opportunities to express their creativity and share their perspectives on significant issues, this year's radio drama competition includes themes such as "Chinese History and Culture", "Personal Growth and Career Planning," "Information Technology and Social Development," "Sustainability and Life Attitude," and "Positive Values". Each theme includes a topic that allows participants to explore their creative focus.

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

No.	Theme	Topic*
1	Chinese History and Culture	Junzi
2	Personal Growth and Career Prospects	The Courage to Take Responsibility
3	Innovative Technology and Social Development	A Day Without Social Media
4	Sustainability and Life Attitude	Green Consumption
5	Positive Values	Embracing Yourself

*For more information on this year's topics, please kindly visit the official website of the competition:

www.MySmartABC.com/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>).

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,
Smart Education Charitable Foundation

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Tentative Schedule	
January 17, 2025 (Fri)	Deadline of application
February 12, 2025 (Wed)	Phase 1- Script submission deadline * Please email your scripts to drama@mysmartabc.com or fax to 2851 8422
March 12, 2025 (Wed)	Phase 2 - Announcement of the 30 semifinalists (15 teams from each level) * The lists will be announced on www.mysmartabc.com/drama
Late March, 2025 (TBD)	Workshop on Script Writing and Voice Training for the semifinalists
Late March, 2025 (TBD)	Parent-Child Workshop on Performing Arts (conducted in Cantonese)
April 11, 2025 (Fri)	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
April 25, 2025 (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 (April 28 - May 9) * The radio dramas will be uploaded to the website allowing the public to vote for the "Most Popular Performance Award" till May 9, 2025 (Monday) at 12:00 noon at www.mysmartabc.com/drama
Late May, 2025 (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 (i.e. a group consist of Primary School and Secondary School students is **not allowed**.)
- Any entries with obscene, violent, malicious or discriminatory elements or involving publicity of or Sponsored by: (in no particular order)



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 authorization 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 Smart's Shopping Mall Coupon

Silver Award with HK\$1,500 Smart's Shopping Mall Coupon

Bronze Award with HK\$1,000 Smart's Shopping Mall Coupon

Merit Award

Best Performer Award

Best Script Award

Most Popular Performance Award

Each winning team will receive a trophy and certificate.



JUDGING CRITERIA:

Judging Criteria for Phase 1 (Play script for a 5-minute radio drama)

Content	30%
Expressiveness	30%
Creativity	20%
Grammar	20%



Judging Criteria for Phase 2 (5-minute radio drama in mp3 format)

Content	40%
Use of Articulation	20%
Voice Projection	20%
Expressiveness	20%



Judging Criteria for Phase 3 (Live performance)

Content	20%
Use of Articulation	20%
Voice Projection	20%
Expressiveness	20%
Teamwork & Cooperation	20%

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The 17th 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 17, 2025

To: Smart Education Charitable Foundation

Our school will join the **17th English Radio Drama Competition for Schools**, below is our contact information.

Contact Information			
School Name :		Tel:	
Teacher-in-charge:		Mobile:	
Contact Email:			

Team 1			
Level	*Primary School Division / Secondary School Division		
Entrant (Class) e.g. Chang Siu Ming (5A)	()	()	T6 ()
	()	()	

Team 2			
Level	*Primary School Division / Secondary School Division		
Entrant (Class) e.g. Chang Siu Ming (5A)	()	()	()
	()	()	

Team 3			
Level	*Primary School Division / Secondary School Division		
Entrant (Class) e.g. Chang Siu Ming (5A)	()	()	()
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*Delete if not applicable

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

*The information above may be utilized for future online publications and certificate production. Our team will contact you through email within 5 working days after receiving your application to confirm the accuracy of the information.

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



<https://forms.gle/kvCyYo2nqEUv25GB7>

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

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