

August 15, 2026

Dear Principal,

INVITATION

The 19th English Radio Drama Competition for Schools

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

We are extremely honored to invite your school to participate in the 19th English Radio Drama Competition for Schools. Last year, over 500 teams took part, and we were overwhelmed by the positive response from participating schools. This year, we are thrilled to announce that our competition will continue to be supported by the Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (SCOLAR) and funded by the Language Fund! Our radio drama competition is one of the 5 projects under SCOLAR's English Alliance 2026/27. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all students who participated in last year's event.



Through this competition, your students will experience the magic of sound and the power of their creative voices. Beyond improving English skills, scriptwriting, and acting, they will foster team spirit and gain invaluable self-confidence.

Exclusive Workshops for Participants

To ensure your students get the most out of this journey and to support teachers every step of the way, Smart Education will provide interactive learning workshops throughout the competition:

- **Script Writing Workshop (Phase 1):** Essential guidance for all participating teams on creating compelling stories and formatted drama scripts.
- **Voice Training Workshop (Phase 2):** Coaching for semifinalists on vocal projection, expressiveness, and sound techniques.
- **Parent-Child Performing Arts Workshop (Phase 2):** Engaging sessions for students (and parents!) focused on stage presence and live sound production.

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 SCOLAR and our sponsors, including Educational Testing Service (ETS), KEA Learning International Ltd, etc. **The final competition and prize-giving ceremony will tentatively be held in May 2027.**

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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	The 24 Solar Terms: Echoes of the Earth
2	Personal Growth and Career Prospects	The Compass in the Noise
3	Innovative Technology and Social Development	Prompt Engineering: The Good, the Bad, and the Glitch
4	Sustainability and Life Attitude	Small Hands, Big Planet
5	Positive Values	Being Different, Yet Fitting Together

*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,
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Tentative Schedule	
January 8, 2027 (Fri)	Deadline of application
January 13, 2027 (Wed)	Phase 1 – Script Writing Workshop for all Participants An interactive session for all participating teams covering the fundamentals of radio drama scriptwriting, character development, world-building through sound, and effective story structuring.
February 17, 2027 (Wed)	Phase 1- Script submission deadline * Please email your scripts to drama@mysmartabc.com
March 12, 2027 (Fri)	Phase 2 – Announcement of the 30 semifinalists (15 teams from each level) * The lists will be announced on www.mysmartabc.com/drama
Late March, 2027 (TBD)	Workshop on Voice Training for the semifinalists A session for shortlisted teams focusing on vocal expression, diction, emotion projection, and creating live acoustic sound effects.
Late March, 2027 (TBD)	Parent-Child Workshop on Performing Arts A collaborative workshop designed to bring parents and students together to explore stage presence, creative expression, and dynamic radio drama performance techniques.
April 17, 2027 (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 28, 2027 (Wed)	Announcement of the finalists * 5 teams from each division will perform their radio drama live for a panel of adjudicators and audience Phase 3- Vote for the most popular drama online (Apr 29 – May 6) * The radio dramas will be uploaded to the website allowing the public to vote for the “Most Popular Performance Award” till May 6, 2027 (Thursday) at 12:00 noon at www.mysmartabc.com/drama
Late May, 2027 (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 consisting of Primary School and Secondary School students is **not allowed**.)

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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 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. Artificial intelligence and automated tools - These requirements apply to generative AI, large language models, AI-assisted image or media tools and other automated systems used in script writing, editing and/or sound effects production at any point during the competition. AI systems and automated tools cannot be authors or co-authors. Human authors remain fully responsible for every part of the competition. Substantive use of generative AI beyond basic spelling, grammar, punctuation or formatting must be disclosed in a separate AI statement. The disclosure must identify the tool, provider and version where material, and explain the purpose and extent of use. Contestants must independently verify factual claims, calculations, citations and originality; assess bias; protect privacy, confidentiality and intellectual property; and ensure that the final work reflects genuine human judgment.
12. 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)		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%

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The 19th 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 8, 2027

To: Smart Education Charitable Foundation

Our school will join the **19th 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)	()	()	()
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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.

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

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



<https://forms.gle/CpSu28vYNieeD2io9>

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