

EDB hosts first large-scale primary and secondary school calligraphy event **Calligraphy 1 000+ to celebrate** **National Day (with photos)**

The Education Bureau (EDB) today (September 14) held Calligraphy 1 000+ for primary and secondary school students across Hong Kong to come together to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and to send well wishes for the country's prosperity through the art of calligraphy, which is rooted in the rich and vibrant traditions of Chinese culture.

The Acting Secretary for Education, Mr Sze Chun-fai, and the Permanent Secretary for Education, Ms Michelle Li, officiated at the event. In support of the event, the Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, who is currently on an overseas duty visit, had created a large calligraphic representation of the event's title on a long scroll to cheer on the participating students.

Speaking at the event, Mr Sze said, "Chinese culture has a long history, and our esteemed traditional culture is the solid foundation of our country's development. As we make strides forward, it is crucial that we inherit and promote excellent Chinese culture. The art of calligraphy is one of the greatest treasures of Chinese culture. It is not only a form of art but also a way to cultivate character. In the process of calligraphy, students can feel the nuances of brush strokes, contemplate the layout and composition of characters, and appreciate the art of writing. This process also helps cultivate mindfulness, refine temperament, and gradually enhance one's aesthetic and cultural literacy."

More than 1 800 students from 81 primary schools and 61 secondary schools participated in the event, alongside 300 principals, teachers, and guests. Apart from students participating on-site, some schools made school-based arrangements to take part simultaneously. In addition, more than 100 volunteers from the Education Bureau, the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office and the Legal Aid Department assisted with the event, exemplifying the spirit of cross-bureau collaboration.

Guests, principals, teachers and students gathered at the venue to brandish their brushes together. With ink flowing freely and brushes dancing in unison, they created a spectacular scene and weaved a majestic masterpiece to celebrate National Day. This event not only showcased a passion for the art of calligraphy but also expressed heartfelt blessings from the Hong Kong school sector for the great motherland. They were willing to make concerted efforts to work together with one heart and one mind, do their utmost to contribute to the prosperity and advancement of the country.

The Hong Kong Island School Heads Association, the Kowloon Region School

Heads Association, and the New Territories School Heads Association were supporting organisations of the event. All participating students will receive a certificate of participation, and 75 outstanding student calligraphy works will be selected for awards and exhibition.

