

National Security Education Day 2021 to be held on April 15

The following is issued on behalf of the Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region:

On July 1, 2015, the 15th meeting of the Standing Committee of the 12th National People's Congress passed the National Security Law of the People's Republic of China, and designated April 15 each year as National Security Education Day.

The Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the Hong Kong National Security Law) was promulgated and implemented on June 30, 2020. Article 3 of the Hong Kong National Security Law stipulates that it is the duty of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region under the Constitution to safeguard national security and the Region shall perform the duty accordingly, while Article 10 stipulates that the Region shall promote national security education to raise the awareness of Hong Kong residents of national security and of the obligation to abide by the law.

April 15 this year will be the first National Security Education Day after implementation of the Hong Kong National Security Law. It also marks the launch of the first National Security Education Day events organised by the Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The theme of National Security Education Day 2021 is "Uphold National Security × Safeguard Our Home – Improve Electoral System, Ensure Patriots Administering Hong Kong". The objectives include raising Hong Kong residents' awareness on national security; creating a positive atmosphere of national security; enhancing the capacity to fend off national security risks; deepening understanding of the National Constitution, the Basic Law and national security; and fostering national identity. The various attractive activities this year include the Opening Ceremony cum Seminar, Community and School Mosaic Wall activities, Disciplined Services Academies Open Day and the "National Security Exhibition". Please visit the National Security Education Day website (www.nsed.gov.hk) for details.