

政府資訊科技總監辦公室

Office of the Government Chief Information Officer



Background



"Knowing More About IT" Programme : Objective

Raise pupils' interest in Information Technology

"Knowing More About IT" Programme : Target

- All publicly-funded primary schools in Hong Kong (Including government, aided (including special schools) and direct subsidy primary schools)
- Funding grant of up to \$400,000
- Schools can submit applications throughout the year
- Unlimited number of applications



Funding Scope

Knowing More About IT in Primary Schools



Part A: Operating Grant Professional services, Operating services and Technical support services, etc.

Part B : One-off Grant

Hardware, Software and Equipment
 required for organising IT-related
 activities

Generally speaking, the funding for the **One-off Grant should not be more than \$200,000** during the entire programme period.

Application Procedure

Submission of Applications

Vetting by Vetting Committee

Approved by OGCIO

Return of signed reply slip

The school should submit a final financial report with audited accounts for the programme within <u>three</u> <u>months</u> after programme end or early completion of the school project During the activity period:

After organising ECAs, filling out the online questionnaire / submitting photos, source codes, award results, etc.

OGCIO may conduct random school visits

Submission of Annual Report and next year Annual Plan by August

Current Approval Status

The Programme opened for applications from September 2021

Statistics of Applications from Schools and Current Approval Status

Total (As at 24 November 2021)

No. of Schools Applied: 69
No. of Applications Received: 69
No. of Approved Applications: 38
Total funding assigned: \$225 million
Total funding granted: \$7.0 million
Total funding balance: \$218 million

Current Approval Status



Approved Activities

Statistics of Approved Activities



Approved Activities

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Approved	Applications (Primary Schools)	
Activity Name (Descrip		
Application No.	Activity Name Funding	Amount (\$)
001	Participation in Robotic Competition (Short courses / training for P5 students)	255,000
002	1. Drone Coding for Aerial Missions (Short courses/ training for P5 students) 2. Advanced Drone Coding Swarm Fly Project (Short courses/ training for P6 students) 3. Participation in Robotic Competition (Short courses / training for P6 students)	334,700
003	1. Participation in Robotic Competition (Short courses / training for P4 - P6 students) 2. Drone Coding for Aerial Missions (Short courses/ training for P3 - P5 students)	293,610
004	Participation in Robotic Competition (Short courses / training for P5 - P6 students)	209,920
005	Participation in Robotic Competition (Short courses / training for P4 - P6 students)	251,670

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Examples of Successful Applications

Ę	xample(1):	Schools can flexibly choose to teach count tutors according to their needs	rses by school	teachers or externa	al
Ĺ	Activity Name		No. of Student Participants	Estimated Activity Period	
1	students)(Taught b 2. Robotic Bee-bot	c Car Coding Course (Short courses / training for P5 y school teacher(s)) Coding Course (Short courses / training for P2 y external tutor(s))	150 students	02/2022 – 06/2022 (The school will re-run the above activities in the consecutive 2nd &	
				3rd school years)	
E	xample(2):	Schools can formulate a one-year or three circumstances to make the activity cover students to participate.	• • •	pending on their	
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Tips (1) – Pre-submission of Draft Applications

- 1. Pre-submission of draft applications: Schools are welcome to pre-submit their draft applications to One-stop Support Centre for seeking advice
- 2. The average funding cost per student can be reduced by increasing the number of participating students, for example, re-running the same activity for 3 consecutive school years.
- 3. Any IT-related activities are welcome. The activity doesn't have to include complicated topics such as AI, Robotic, etc., but simple, interesting and with hands-on exercises.
- 4. Please consider applying our programme as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to run the courses for 3 consecutive school years.

Tips (2) – Cases that Require Re-submission

Expenditure items are not directly related to or necessary for the activities to be held, such as:

Upgrade the school's network infrastructure

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Set up a new physics laboratory (e.g. furniture, electrical outlets)

Activities are not directly related to the scope of funding, for example:

- E-learning or life planning management system
- 3. Expenditure items are not efficient, such as:
 - Expensive server (you can subscribe to cloud services instead)
 - Purchase expensive equipment (you can rent similar services on the market instead)

Tips (3) – Procurement & Audit

Procurement :

- Follow proper procurement, accounting and financial control procedures
- Not vendors specific

Audit & Accounting Services :

- Audit services Please reserve max \$5,000 for the programme and is mandatory in the <u>last year</u> of the programme.
- Accounting services max \$15,000 for the programme

Tips (4) – The Requirement of Opening a Bank Account



Requirement

- A designated bank account should be opened for the sole purpose of handling the IT-Lab Programme funding pursuant to ICAC's guideline.
- The bank account opening arrangements : https://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/smartconsumers/account-opening/contact-details-of-banks/
- As it usually takes several months to open an account, it is advisable for participating schools to open a dedicated bank account at the time of application.

Exemption Examples

- Using an existing dormant bank account (inactive for 6 months or more)
- ✓ by stepping up its financial management of the separate ledger account through a computerised accounting system and providing half-yearly financial reports



One-stop Support Centre



Next Speakers and Topics

Sharing on organising ICT-Sharing on the "Code for related activities for students Everyone" Programme (「童 and joining the HKICT 擁AI | 計劃) details and **Awards** teaching ICT to primary school students Mr Wu Kwok Chu, Vice Principal Mr Jacky Lam Chief Executive Officer Hong Kong ICT Awards 2018 Internet Professional Association Student Innovation (Primary School) (iProA) Silver Award Winner School & Ms Patricia LEUNG Yuen-ping

Executive Director

Centum Charitas Foundation

King's College Old Boys' Association Primary School No.2 de for le (「童 and Micro:bit in primary school Introduction to OGCIO's Sponsorship Programme: "Innovation and Technology Festival for Primary School Students"



Mr FAN Wing-yip and Mr KWONG Yat-chun, Curtis

Teacher of Buddhist Chi King Primary School

Part-time Secondee of EDB's IT in Education Centre of Excellence (CoE) Scheme



Mr Donald Chan, Vice-Chairman Ms Ping Wong, Executive Committee Hong Kong Wireless Technology Industry Association Limited (HKWTIA)

Sponsored Organisation



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