EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 195/2015

From	: Secretary for Education	To	: Heads of all Aided, Government and Caput secondary schools, secondary schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme

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**Request For Proposals (RFPs) for Organising
2015/16 Enriched Information Technology Activities Programme
in Secondary Schools**

Purpose

The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer, with the support of the Education Bureau, implements, on a pilot basis, the **Enriched IT Programme in Secondary Schools**. This circular memorandum invites secondary schools to apply for participation in the enriched information technology (IT) activities programme to design and organise IT activities for secondary students from March 2016 to December 2016 with an aim to foster a pro-IT atmosphere and stimulate interest in IT in the school community.

Background

2.   The Financial Secretary proposed in the 2014-15 Budget to incorporate enrichment programmes in secondary schools to cultivate young IT professionals and even entrepreneurs to meet the development needs of a digital society.   A funding of $75 million is provided for the implementation of a two-pronged Enriched IT Programme for eight school years from 2015/16 to 2022/23. The Enriched IT Programme comprises two complementary elements as follows —

(a) **Enriched IT Class —** Intensive IT training will be provided by eight partner schools to students (from secondary two to secondary six) who are interested and talented in IT.

(b) **Enriched IT Activities** — IT activities will be organised by secondary schools each year to foster a pro-IT atmosphere and stimulate interest in IT in the school community.

It was announced on 17 July 2015 that eight secondary schools have been selected as partner schools to run the **Enriched IT Class** from the 2015/16 school year to the 2022/23 school year.

Enriched IT Activities Programme

3.   The IT Activities Programme aims at enriching IT learning outside the school curriculum, providing opportunities for applying IT knowledge and nurturing creativity through IT.   Examples of activities can be short courses in making mobile

applications, digital games, robotics; intensive workshops to prepare students for IT competitions; coding and programming training camps; IT projects or codefest, seminars in business intelligence, those akin to 'sand-box' concepts of allowing students to design their own solution etc.

4.   Generally, each IT activity programme should allow at least 20 secondary students to participate.   Proponent school may partner with tertiary institutions, industry bodies, NGOs or commercial organisations in running the programme.   A maximum funding of $50,000 will be provided for each selected proposal.   We intend to select up to 50 proposals from proponent schools to design and organise IT activities for secondary students from March 2016 to December 2016.

Application

5.   Schools who wish to participate in the Enriched IT Activities Programme should download the **RFP document and Application Form** from the Enriched IT Programme Portal at http://www.eitp.gov.hk.   Proposals shall be delivered by hand in sealed envelope marked with words **"RESTRICTED - Proposal for Enriched IT Activities Programme"** to the following address by **12:00 noon on 1 February 2016**. Late proposal will not be considered.

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(Attn: Secretariat of Enriched IT Programme in Secondary Schools)

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Enquiry

6.   For enquiries, please send email to scitp_secretariat@ogcio.gov.hk or by fax on 2573 7113 to **Secretariat of Enriched IT Programme in Secondary Schools**.

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