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To : Supervisors/Principals of All Schools

Dear Supervisor/Principal,

Air Quality Health Index

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) will launch the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) to replace the existing Air Pollution Index (API) on 30 December 2013 for better communication of the air quality information and the associated health risks to the public. Details of the AQHI and the relevant health advice can be accessed at the EPD's website: www.aqhi.gov.hk/en.html.

To tie in with the launching of the AQHI, related sections of the Education Bureau (EDB) will update the relevant parts of their existing guidelines on the EDB webpage by the end of 2013 (including the *Reference Materials on Physical Activities in Kindergartens*, the *Safety Guidelines on Physical Education Key Learning Area for Hong Kong Schools* and the *Guidelines on Outdoor Activities*). Meanwhile, we have posted the following highlights on the EDB webpage (www.edb.gov.hk > *School Administration and Management* > *Administration* > *About Activities* > *School Activities Guidelines*) for reference of schools:

- [Dos and Don'ts for Arranging School Activities \(Applicable to Kindergartens\)](#); and
- [Dos and Don'ts for Arranging Physical Activities \(Applicable to Primary and Secondary Schools\)](#).

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Following the established practice, we will continue to send important messages about the air pollution situation to schools through email when the AQHI reaches high, very high or serious level. Schools can also obtain the latest information on the AQHI or its forecast by visiting the EPD's website: www.aqhi.gov.hk/en.html, making use of AQHI mobile Apps for smartphone/desktop computer programme or by dialling EPD's "Interactive Voice Recording System" on 2827 8541. Schools should maintain good communication with parents and keep them informed of the arrangement of school activities when the health risk reaches different levels.

For enquiries, please contact your School Development Officer or Pre-primary Services Officer.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Education