

Student Environmental Protection Ambassador Scheme 2023/24
Application Guidelines for Environmental Badge Training for SEPAs
(Secondary School)

Part I. Basic Environmental Badge (BEB) Training

BEB Online Seminars

- The **BEB online seminars** aim to equip Student Environmental Protection Ambassadors (SEPAs) with the basic environmental knowledge and skills. The seminars are open to **all SEPAs without any BEBs**.
- Each BEB seminar covers four areas, namely (i) Environmental policy and initiatives of the HKSAR Government; (ii) Local and global environmental issues; (iii) Interrelationship between human beings and the environment; and (iv) Approaches for citizens to protect the environment.
- Each school can nominate a maximum of 20 SEPAs to attend ONE seminar for the Junior Secondary SEPAs and ONE seminar for the Senior Secondary SEPAs from the list of BEB seminars at category A of **Appendix I**.
- SEPAs who have reported to the ECC their completion on the following training and environmental services/activities will be awarded the **BEBs together with e-Certificates**.



Part II. Specific Environmental Badge (SEB) Training

SEB Online Seminar + Workshop + Field Visit

- The SEB training aims to provide SEPAs with training on in-depth knowledge on specific environmental topics. The training is open to **all SEPAs possessing BEBs**.
- The theme for SEB training in 2023/24 is “**Carbon Neutrality**”. The training comprises online seminars, workshops and field visits. SEPAs who have reported to the ECC their completion on SEB training and participation in environmental services/activities (preferably together with their parents and family members) will be awarded the **SEBs together with e-Certificates**.



- Senior Secondary SEPAs who have successfully completed the above will also have an opportunity to participate in different kinds of green community services/ activities organised by the EEB, EPD and/or ECC. Those who have participated in these services/activities most actively may be invited to a gathering with the Secretary for Environment and Ecology or other senior officials to exchange views on environmental issues.

- Each school can nominate a maximum of 10 SEPAs to join ONE training for the Junior Secondary SEPAs and ONE training for the Senior Secondary SEPAs from the list of SEB training at category (S) of **Appendix I**.
- Schools are required to submit the Environmental Activity Record Form provided by the ECC Secretariat to claim for reimbursement in due course. Schools with SEPAs enrolled in the **Specific Environmental Badge training – Carbon Neutrality** can receive a maximum subsidy of HK\$500 for primary school and **HK\$800 for secondary school** for organising **theme-related school-based environmental education activities**. Schools are required to submit the duly completed the Environmental Protection Activity Record Form, which is provided by the ECC, together with the required documents, and return it to the ECC Secretariat within a month upon completion of the activities for arrangement of reimbursement.

Part III. Field Visits/ Workshops

- The field visits/ workshops aim to enhance their knowledge acquired from the environmental badge training.
- Each school can nominate a maximum of 20 SEPAs to participate in ONE field visit from category (B) Natural Conservation or (C) Love Your Geopark, and ONE field visit/ workshop from (D) Marine Conservation, Cleaner and Greener Shorelines or (E) STEM Training Workshop from the list of field visits/workshops at **Appendix I**.
- Free transportation will be provided at the rendezvous.

Part IV. Environmental Education Training Camp

- The camp aims to provide SEPAs with in-depth environmental trainings. It is open to **all SEPAs possessing BEBs**.
- The camp comprises different activities such as seminars, workshops, night walks to enhance students' environmental knowledge and covers environmental topics like low carbon living, biodiversity and nature conservation.
- Each school can nominate a maximum of 6 SEPAs to join ONE training camp.

Part VI. Green Community Service/ Activity

- The green community service/ activity for Senior SEPAs aims to enabling them to put their knowledge into practice by promoting waste reduction and recycling messages to the public.
- TWO activities in this category can be allocated to each school.
- The schedule of activities will be divided in two phases. Phase I is from November 2023 to January 2024 and Phase II is from February to April 2024, which will be uploaded onto the ECC website in December 2023.

Part V. How to Apply

- Schools interested in joining the BEB, SEB training, Field Visits/ Workshops and/ or Environmental Education Training Camp should complete the Enrolment form at **Appendix II** and List of Participants at **Appendix III**. Please return the appendices to the ECC Secretariat by email to schools@eeb.gov.hk **on or before 6 October 2023 (Friday)**.

Notes

- The training activities are open to all participating schools of the **Student Environmental Protection Ambassador Scheme 2023/24**. Places will be allocated to the SEPAs on a first-come-first-served basis.
- All the environmental badge training will be conducted in **Cantonese**.
- **Schools will be notified of allocation results of training places with relevant details about two weeks prior to the training date by email. If more than half of the SEPAs who are allocated with training places are unable to attend the workshops, teachers should inform the ECC Secretariat in writing on or before a specific date as stated on the notification letter. Otherwise, low priority would be accorded when the school submits an application next school year.**
- Schools will be informed of the students' attendance records upon completion of the training.
- Insurance coverage of HK\$1,000,000 will be provided for each SEPA joining the field visits. Schools and students may consider purchasing extra insurance if necessary.