



COVID19 Winter Writing Competition

Secondary School Students

Of all infectious disease outbreaks in recent times, none have had such an impact on Hong Kong as COVID19. Secondary school students have been uniquely affected by the outbreak. Not only have their current studies been significantly disrupted but their future plans have been challenged by the disease. The question is how?????????

To answer this question, we would like to invite secondary school students to submit short essays for a winter writing competition on COVID19. These essays will directly address the challenges facing students today and in the future. With this in mind, there will be two topics for the essays:

(1) Oral History:

What has been the impact of COVID19 on your life in Hong Kong?

For this topic, we would encourage authors to talk with their families, their friends as well as members of the local community. Identify common themes and topics and write an essay using the oral comments from those you have spoken with.

(2) Back to the Future:

What was the impact of COVID19 on life in Hong Kong?

Go fifty years into the future. Look back on your own experiences and on how the disease shaped Hong Kong's future direction. Be as creative as you want. You could write from your own perspective – such as a diary entry or a letter – or tell a fictional story. Up to you. Just remember to place the impact of the virus at the centre of your story.

These two topics will be divided into two categories for submission: a junior category for students in Years 1-3 of secondary school and a senior category for students in Years 4 and above. Submissions will also be placed in streams: either an open stream for all secondary students or a DSE stream for students who are or will be taking the DSE.

Categories for Submission

**Two Topics : (1) Oral History
(2) Back to the Future**

Two Streams: DSE or Open

- i. Junior (S1-3)
- ii. Senior (S4+)

Prizes

Winners in each category/stream

First : HK\$1,000 in book coupons

Second : HK\$500 in book coupons

(The winning entries will be announced in March 2021.)

For more information, please go to

<https://research.class.cityu.edu.hk/event-list/covid-19-writing-competition/>

Closing Date

**22 February 2021
Monday at 5 pm**

Submit at

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