The following is issued on behalf of the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education:

As 2010 will mark the 20th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law, the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) and the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) have jointly organised the Basic Law lyric writing contest to deepen participants' understanding of the Basic Law.

The contest is now open for application. The deadline for submission of entries is January 29, 2010. Three workshops will be organised in December 2009 and January 2010 to which guest speakers will be invited to share with the participants their views on the Basic Law and some useful hints on lyric writing. For more information, please visit the event website (www.basiclawcontest10.hk).

Since 2004, the CPCE and HAB have been organising territory-wide events to promote the Basic Law. The contest this year is co-organised with the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB), Education Bureau and Department of Justice.

The ceremony to launch the contest will be held at 3pm tomorrow (November 28) at Chater Garden in Central. The Convenor of the CPCE's Basic Law Promotion Working Group, Mr Poon Chun-yuen, together with representatives from the HAB and CMAB and Event Ambassador Mr Ekin Cheng will be the officiating guests. Basic Law exhibitions and games stalls will be held from 10am to 3pm.

Application forms for the contest can be obtained from the Civic Education Resource Centre (7/F, Youth Square, 238 Chai Wan Road) and Public Enquiry Service Centres in the 18 districts. They can also be downloaded from the event website (<a href="www.basiclawcontest10.hk">www.basiclawcontest10.hk</a>).

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