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Office of the Government Chief Information Officer
The Second Round of the "Knowing More About IT" Programme

Purpose

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to inform publicly-funded primary schools that the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) will launch the second round of the "Knowing More About IT" programme in the 2024/25 school year.

Details

2. The current round of the "Knowing More About IT" programme will conclude at the close of the 2023/24 school year. Schools interested in participating are required to submit their applications on or before 31 May 2024.

3. Following this, the second round of the "Knowing More About IT" programme which spans two school years from 2024/25 to 2025/26 will open for application from 1 September 2024. Please refer to the appendix for the details.

Enquiry

4. For enquiries, please contact the Knowing More About IT in Primary Schools One-stop Support Centre of OGCIO at 2231 5977 or by email to know-it@ogcio.gov.hk.

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   In view of the overwhelming responses in the first round of the "Knowing More About IT" (Know-IT) Programme, OGCIO will allocate an additional funding of $134 million for the provision of subsidies of **up to $300,000** in the coming two school years (i.e. from 2024/25 to 2025/26 school years) to all publicly-funded primary schools for organising IT-related extra-curricular activities (ECAs) for their students, and procuring IT equipment or professional services required for the ECAs.

2.   The second round of the programme will open for application from **1 September 2024** and will continue to use the same application guidelines as the first round. To expedite processing of the funding applications during the commencement of the new school year, interested schools may submit a draft application proposal in advance to the Knowing More About IT in Primary Schools One-stop Support Centre for technical advice.

Subsequent Arrangements for the First Round of the Programme

3.   The first round of the programme will end by August 2024. Further to the email sent by OGCIO to all eligible primary schools on 28 March 2024 informing schools that they must submit applications for the funding of the first round of the programme **on or before 31 May 2024**, we would like to appeal to all eligible primary schools to fully utilise the funding of the first round to organise more ECAs. All approved activities in the first round of the programme must commence on or before 31 August 2024 and be completed in the 2024/25 school year or earlier (i.e. on or before 31 August 2025). Interested schools can submit applications at https://www.it-lab.gov.hk/en/application_know-it.php.

Background of the Know-IT Programme

4.　　OGCIO has launched a three-year Know-IT Programme since the 2021/22 school year (i.e. first round of the programme).　The programme aims to stimulate primary school students' interest in IT and strengthen their basic IT knowledge through ECAs, thereby enhancing their interest to pursue the study of STEAM subjects and preparing them for integration into the digital society in the future.　Each publicly-funded primary school can apply for a funding of up to $400,000 in the three-year programme period in the first round to organise IT-related ECAs, and procure the IT equipment and professional services required for organising such activities.

5.　　Since the launch of the Know-IT programme, more than 90% of publicly-funded primary schools have applied for funding.　Schools may visit the IT Innovation Lab in Schools Portal (https://www.it-lab.gov.hk/en/index.php) for more information about the programme.

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